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**THE FEETHAM
REPORT.**
LAW AND SECURITY IN
SHANGHAI.

FUTURE SAFEGUARDS.

Shanghai, Apr. 24.
The first part of Judge
Feetham's report on the problem
of the future of Shanghai has been
issued.
It is in a volume approaching
200,000 words, and is devoted
solely to a survey of the subject.
The second part, containing Mr.
Justice Feetham's recommenda-
tions and suggestions, will be
issued in three week's time.
The report opens with a brief
description of Shanghai, its
different administrative areas,
composition of the population,
origin and development of the
Settlement, distinctions between a
"Settlement" and "Concession,"
the beginnings of municipal gov-
ernment here, and the theory and
practice as to defence and
neutrality of the International
Settlement.

Long-Standing Rights.

He deals with events in 1853
and 1854, which led to the de-
velopment of the special doctrine
of rights, which by virtue of its
position the Settlement could be
deemed to possess, namely de-
fence of armed neutrality and the
right to exclude Chinese armed
forces from Settlement.

The report shows that the foreign
community has claimed under the
law of self preservation to be
entitled to protect itself against
the dangers from an attack
without, and that to this end it
has organised permanent military
forces and has claimed the right
to summon to its aid the naval
and military forces of the foreign
Powers.

The Land Regulations.

Mr. Feetham traces the history
of the Land Regulations, and
says they made only very rud-
imentary provision for a municipal
constitution, and it was not until
the new Regulations of 1866 had
been approved by the Diplomatic
Corps that the Settlement became
equipped with its present
machinery of government.

"The Settlement is therefore
governed to-day under a con-
stitution dating from 1866, when
the Settlement was less than a
third of its present area, and
the foreign population numbered
about 2,200 and the Chinese 90-
000, compared with to-day's
figures of 26,965 and 971,397
foreigners and Chinese, respec-
tively."

He comments on the difficulty
of getting new bye-laws passed
owing to the cumbersome machinery,
and considers it not surprising
that the present constitution has
proved inadequate for the Council
and ratepayers to deal with new
conditions created by the growth
in the last sixty years.

Two Principles.

He adds that, however, it is re-
markable that so much has been
successfully accomplished under
a constitution framed to meet

the needs of so different a com-
munity.

He describes the constitution
as based on two principles—
self-government—a rule of law
that is the will of qualified voters
and their elected representatives,
and a constitutional authority
with limited powers.

Mr. Feetham says that there is
nothing remarkable concerning
the adoption of these principles,
but it is remarkable that an at-
tempt is made to work this
familiar type of constitution
under conditions not merely un-
familiar but unparalleled.

"A small community of Western
business men found itself called
upon. In addition to providing
for its own limited municipal re-
quirements, to accept a large
share of responsibility in govern-
ing and protecting the immigrant
Chinese population that gathered
within the Settlement."

Dealings With the Chinese.

The character of these problems
could not be seen in advance,
and "it is obvious, though progress
has been achieved, that no finality
has been reached."

The report goes on to deal
with the difficulties which arose
between the Settlement and the
Chinese outside, fundamentally
due to the fact that they repre-
sented opposing principles of
government—a rule of law *versus*
arbitrary authority. Mr. Feetham
is of opinion that the Council, in
order effectively to control and
protect Chinese residents in the
Settlement, has been compelled to
insist on a restriction of the
powers of the Chinese authorities
in respect to the Chinese.

(Coming to the history of
Chinese representation on the
Council, the report shows that
when the draft Land Regulations
of 1866 were under considera-
tion, they contained a proposal
for Chinese representation. "For
some reason which the records do
not explain, the proposal was not
included in the regulations which
were finally approved."

Great Opportunity Lost.

Mr. Feetham refers to the
decision of the ratepayers in 1905
denying the right to the Council
to recognise a proposed Chinese
Advisory Committee.

"The story of this abortive
attempt to establish machinery
for consultation between the
Council and the Chinese com-
munity makes melancholy reading.
It is impossible to resist the con-
clusion that a great opportunity
was lost—an opportunity for
taking such a step forward in the
constitutional development of the
Settlement as would have had a
marked effect in establishing the
relations between the Council
and ratepayers on the one hand
and Chinese residents of the
Settlement on the other, on a
broader and sounder basis. It
was a rebuff, alienating Chinese
support which would have been
of the utmost value to the
Council."

The Law Courts.

The report deals with the general
position of the Courts of Law in
the Settlement, and examines the
main features of the existing
agreement, which was enforced
on April 1, 1930, regarding the
establishment of Chinese Courts
(Continued on Page 11.)

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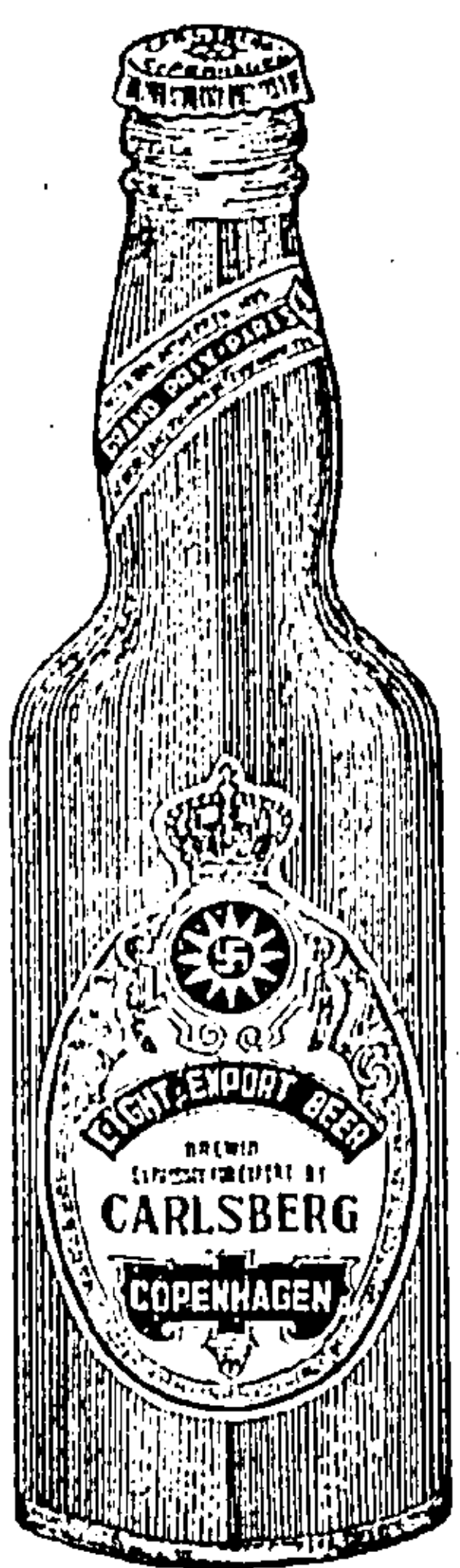
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NEW SPANISH REGIME.

JAPAN DECIDES TO RECOGNISE.

Tokyo, Apr. 24.
The Cabinet has decided to recognise the new Spanish Government.—*Reuter.*

Plot at Valencia.

Valencia, Apr. 24.
The Civil Governor is reported to have discovered a Royalist plot in which members of the Artillery are involved.

Two arrests have been made, including the young son of an Artillery officer who ordered 5,000 monarchist cockades from a military clothing factory, alleged to be on behalf of an Artillery regiment, the *Marcos de Sotelo* (ex-Mayor of Valencia) and leaders of the Patriotic Union.

It appears that the Monarchist programme included a rising at Cadix.—*Reuter.*

Elections for Late June.

Madrid, Apr. 24.

The Cabinet has decided that the elections to the Constituent Assembly shall be held in June, probably on June 21 or 25.

The voting age has been reduced from 25 to 23.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH OFFICERS DEPART.

RECENT INCIDENT NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

Berlin, Apr. 24.

The three French officers who were arrested at Koenigsberg for photographing manoeuvres have been allowed to leave Germany, going hurriedly, via Poland.

The French Ambassador at Berlin apologised for the behaviour of the officers, and the German Foreign Office is not taking the incident seriously.—*Reuter.*

[It was reported from Berlin on April 18 that three French officers dressed in muff, including the French Military Attache at Berlin, were arrested at Koenigsberg, photographing soldiers drilling. They were subsequently released but the cameras were confiscated. The German Foreign Office made representations to the French Embassy concerning the affair. It

THE ANTI-MUI TSAI SOCIETY.

RECEIVES DONATION FROM LADY SIMON.

Sir John Simon and Lady Simon have done much in recent years to combat the evils of slavery in various parts of the British Empire.

In their opinion, slaves are considerably in excess of their first estimate of 4,000,000 persons. In the preface to the latest edition of the book on "Slavery" by Lady Simon, it is pointed out "The new crusade is being carried on under very different conditions from the old. Wilberforce and his friends were working to convert public opinion to the view that slavery was an evil and unnecessary institution, and to secure a change in British law which, once it was made, would be enforced without question by our own Courts. The modern problem is not national but international. The new task is not to convince enlightened men and women that slavery is a monstrous and hideous thing, but that it prevails over large portions of the earth, and that it can be swept away by the leadership and the pressure of the League of Nations. And in pursuing this new crusade, there is one feature of the situation which gives special ground for hope. It is the immensely increased sensitiveness of each part of the world to what is going on elsewhere."

As is well known Lady Simon has devoted much space in her book to Slavery in China and Hongkong. Recently writing to the Secretary of the local Anti-Mui Tsai Society, Lady Simon said:

"I think you are to be congratulated for carrying through the work of this Society. I know what a burden such work is, but these things are worth doing, and we follow all you do with both sympathy and admiration. I am sending you, on behalf of my husband and myself, a cheque for £25 to help the work which the Anti-Mui Tsai Society is doing, and as a token of our sincere regard for you and those who work with you on this undertaking which needs urgent reform."

"We should like you to know that we are with you in the carrying out of your crusade, even as I am quite sure you would be with us in the carrying out of the work of the 'Anti-Slavery Society, of which I am a member.'"

was said that the officers had been visiting the battlefields of East Prussia with the knowledge of the German authorities.]

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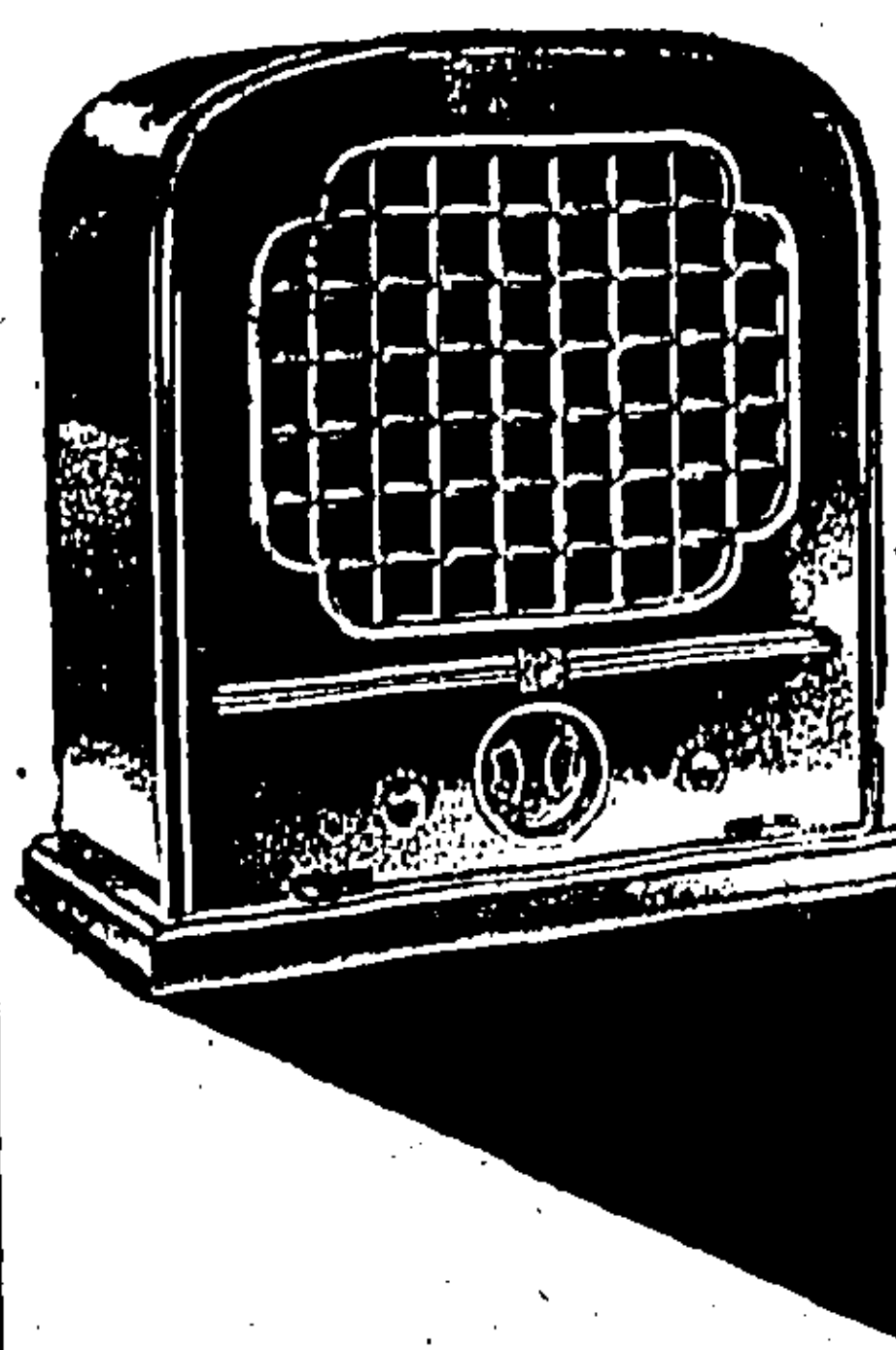
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LOCAL SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 26th April, 1931. Third Sunday after Easter. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church) 9 a.m. Children's Service 10 a.m. Matins and Sermon 11 a.m. Preacher: The Dean. Evensong 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Sunday, 26th April, 1931. Morning Service, 11 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall. Social Hour after Evening Service. Sunday School:—Kennedy Road, 10 a.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station, Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m. Subject, "Probation After Death." The Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings, at 10 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Reading Room at above address open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday and Thursday, 5.30 to 7 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room. Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

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Another Currency Petition.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Although I entirely agree with "Whoopie" in his letter to a contemporary, I differ only on one point: the rate of Stabilisation. His ambitions are far too moderate. After all, considering the fact that our exchange touched at one time as high as 6s. 3d. (which was the right time to stabilise), I think 5s. could be a fair rate of stabilisation.

"Whoopie's" petition could be therefore, amended as follows: "Gentlemen,—We the below mentioned Individuals representing all those who would like to be amply rewarded for their work in the Colony, and to receive something for hardly anything, and make somebody, but themselves may for it, are of the strong opinion that the dollar should be stabilised at 5s. at least, for the following reasons:

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(c) 5s. are also equal to 60 pence, just equal in degrees to the sixth part of the circumference. Many advantages can be derived from this simple relation;

(d) All retail prices in Hongkong will be fixed once for all and we shall not hear anymore of: 'I must put up my prices (exchange going lower) because I have to replenish my stocks at a low rate of exchange, or I cannot put down my prices (exchange going higher) because I bought my stocks at a low rate of exchange.'

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(e) And the last but not the least: It will save so much on the Colony's Budget that it will probably be balanced without any tax at all, but on the contrary, from the profits made on stabilisation, a bonus could be distributed every year among the former taxpayers.

Remark: In case of a stabilisation at a higher rate, the profits would be so high that a "pension" could be provided to every resident after a few years' sojourn.

I am sure the honourable members of the Community of Hongkong will sign the above petition with both hands; they will be kind enough in signing their names, to mention also the amount they wish to convert from Hongkong dollars to sterling within the next five years, so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

WHOOPIE II.

LADIES' BASKETBALL.

MUI FONG TEAM PLAYS CLUB DE RECREIO.

For the first time a Chinese young ladies' basketball team is to play against a team from the Club de Recreio.

The Recreio team will be, Misses M. Bato, (Captain), Silva, Remedios, Xavier, Ribeiro and Silva-Netto; while the Chinese team, from the Fong Mui Fong Girls' College, will be chosen from Misses Lo, Yu-tai, (Captain), Chu Chen-chen, Yeung Wai-pun, Lum Hing-yuk, Yu Shau-ying, Lum Lai-wah, Chung Mo-lan, Ho Sheng-wan, M. Chan, Ng Hap-hing, Kay Lo, Lum Yee-bing, and Leung Tak-wah.

The match will be played this afternoon at the Mui Fong sports ground in Babington Path.

STABILISATION Warning.

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CINEMA NOTES.

CRAMPING HEROINES STYLE.

That the styles imposed upon women fifty years ago were distinctly cramping to the wits, here in the contented life of John Johnson, who plays Claire, the "Live Interest" in King Vidor's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayor picture, "Billy the Kid," which will open to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre for 4 days.

"For example," stated Miss Johnson, "as Claire, the fashions of 1880 forced me to come into a dowdy country wearing heavy woollen and high necks. Further, Claire had to do all her riding side-saddle. 'Can't you imagine how that would cramp a high-spirited girl, anxious to take more part in the stirring events of the cattleman's war which centred in Lincoln, New Mexico?'

"In portraying Claire, I tried to keep in mind this sense of frustration which she must have had. Claire was no different mentally than the girls of to-day. She wanted to pitch in and help the men in whom she was interested, but side-saddle in a hard-riding western country is an awful disadvantage."

"If William Bonney had lived to-day undoubtedly Claire would have dashed away at his side, attired in comfortable breeches, roomy silk shirt and a big sun-shading comb-over. Claire of 1880, however, had to undergo a terrific series of hardships attired in clothes which hampered her every movement. Being a heroine in 1880 was attended with decided disadvantages."

"Whoopie's" "Billy the Kid" is a talking picture adaptation of the life of William Bonney, the debonair twenty-one-year-old desperado who became one of the most dangerous men in the west.

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The plot of the picture is an adaptation of Owen Davis' grand farce, "The Nervous Wreck," with its story of the imaginary invalid forced to be a hero in order to get the heroine out of trouble and married to the right man. Eddie Cantor's portrayal of Henry Williams, the invalid in question, is a classic of comedy from one of the stage's greatest. Combined with the beauty of huge numbers of hand-picked girls, fast unflattering direction by Thornton Freeland, and breath-taking photography, the whole picture is the talking screen at its opulent best.

Among the pulchritudinous features of the production are Eleanor Hunt, selected personally by Samuel Goldwyn from the chorus of the stage. "Whoopie" for the leading role of the picture version, and Dorothy Knapp, famed "most beautiful girl in the world" as well as huge numbers of beauties, selected from the best of Hollywood and New York. The "Whoopie" is a picture which cannot be seen from any angle.

"Tom Sawyer" at the King's. Anyone who is searching for coincidences will find one in a study of the careers of Jackie Coogan and Mitzzi Green, American's leading child actors who are playing in "Tom Sawyer" at the King's Theatre.

The parents of both children are stage folk and the two youngsters did their first theatrical work at the age of four. Jackie's father was appearing with Annette Kellerman, famous swimmer, on the vaudeville stage when the boy was four. Coogan did centric dances between Miss Kellerman's exhibitions. Miss Kellerman was impressed with Jackie's backstage impersonations and one evening called him on to the stage to do a little act. He wound up his appearance with a "limmy" dance.

Charles "Chubby" Chase, who insisted that the Coogans permit him to use Jackie in a picture. It became known as "The Kid" and Jackie was as overnight sensation. Mitzzi's parents were appearing in vaudeville as Joe Keno and Rosie Green when Mitzzi was four. On his bill was Eddie Hart and Mitzzi mimicked this actress telling of a story. Miss Hart was so amused at the child's work that she led Mitzzi on to the stage one evening for her debut.

Two years later, Keno and Green were on the same bill with Moran and Mack at Brighton Beach, N.Y. The same week, actor's benefit was given at Freeport, Long Island, and when Mitzzi saw some children on the programme, she wanted to do a skit on the Two Black Crows. With her father, she worked up an impromptu act. A vaudeville agent saw the child and signed her to Los Angeles where she entered motion pictures. In "Tom Sawyer," which is a faithful film version of the Mark Twain classic, Jackie plays the part of Tom and Mitzzi is seen and heard as Becky Thatcher.

"The Boudoir Diplomat."

Betty Compson who plays a leading feminine role in "The Boudoir Diplomat," Universal's sophisticated comedy which will be shown for the last time to-day at the Central Theatre, made her screen debut as leading lady in one-reel comedies and worked for three years in these

U.S. BASEBALL.

FULL LIST OF GAMES IN THE LEAGUES.

New York, Apr. 24.
The baseball season started on April 14, and the following matches have been played up to date:

Tuesday, Apr. 14.

National League.

Philadelphia 6 New York 9
Boston 7 Brooklyn 4
Cincinnati 3 St. Louis 2
Chicago 6 Boston 7

American League.

Cleveland 6 Chicago 4
Washington 2 Philadelphia 5
St. Louis 7 Detroit 3
New York 6 Boston 3

Wednesday, Apr. 15.

National League.

Philadelphia 10 New York 7
Boston 9 Brooklyn 9
Chicago 6 Pittsburgh 5
Cincinnati 0 St. Louis 4

American League.

New York 8 Boston 7
Washington 7 Philadelphia 1
Cleveland 6 Chicago 7

Thursday, Apr. 16.

National League.

Philadelphia 4 New York 14
Boston 7 Brooklyn 9
Cincinnati 3 St. Louis 4
Chicago 3 Pittsburgh 4

American League.

New York 2 Boston 1
Washington 5 Philadelphia 4
Cleveland 7 Chicago 0
St. Louis 5 Detroit 6

Friday, Apr. 17.

National League.

Cincinnati, St. Louis, not played, wet.
Chicago 5 Pittsburgh 7
No American League games played.

Saturday, Apr. 18.

National League.

Boston 8 Brooklyn 3
Cincinnati 6 Pittsburgh 9
Philadelphia 1 New York 7
Philadelphia 11 Chicago 2

American League.

Washington 11 Philadelphia 3
St. Louis 7 Detroit 1
New York 4 Boston 5

Sunday, Apr. 19.

National League.

Brooklyn 4 Philadelphia 6
Boston 2 New York 9
Chicago 4 St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 1 Pittsburgh 5

American League.

New York 2 Philadelphia 3
Washington 8 Boston 0
Cleveland 2 Detroit 7
St. Louis 6 Chicago 12

Monday, Apr. 20.

National League.

Boston 1 New York 0
Cincinnati 5 Pittsburgh 5
Philadelphia 5 Brooklyn 10
Chicago 2 St. Louis 3

American League.

New York 5 Philadelphia 4
Washington 3 Boston 13
Cleveland 9 Detroit 3
St. Louis, Chicago, not played, rain.

Tuesday, Apr. 21.

National League.

Boston 5 New York 1
Philadelphia 7 Brooklyn 1
Chicago, St. Louis, not played, wet.

American League.

New York 12 Philadelphia 1
Washington 12 Boston 3
St. Louis, Chicago, not played, cold.

Cleveland 5 Detroit 4

Wednesday, Apr. 22.

National League.

New York 5 Philadelphia 4
Pittsburgh, Chicago, not played, rain.

St. Louis 3 Cincinnati 2
Brooklyn 0 Boston 4

American League.

Philadelphia 5 Washington 1
Boston 5 New York 7
Detroit, St. Louis, not played, wet.

Chicago 10 Cleveland 2

Thursday, Apr. 23.

No National League matches played.

American League.

Chicago 2 Cleveland 8
Detroit 1 St. Louis 0

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EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris.....	124.32 1/2	124.34 1/2
Geneva.....	25.23	25.23 1/2
Berlin.....	20.40 1/2	20.41 1/2
Oslo.....	18.16 1/2	18.16 1/2
Helsingfors.....	193 1/2	193 1/2
Buenos Aires.....	367 1/2	367 1/2
Athens.....	375	375
Shanghai.....	1/13	1/13 1/2
New York.....	1.86 5/32	1.86 7/32
Amsterdam.....	12.09 1/2	12.09 1/2
Stockholm.....	18.14 1/2	18.14 1/2
Vienna.....	34.56 1/2	34.56 1/2
Madrid.....	48.85	48.85
Munich.....	817	817
Moscow.....	32 1/2	32 1/2
Hongkong.....	114 1/2	115
Brussels.....	34.05 1/2	34.05 1/2
Copenhagen.....	18.16 1/2	18.16 1/2
Milan.....	92.82 1/2	92.84 1/2
Prague.....	164 1/2	164 1/2
Lisbon.....	108.25	108.25
Rio.....	2 1/2	2 1/2
Bombay.....	1/5 13/16	1/5 13/16
Yokohama.....	2/0 13/32	2/0 13/32
Silver (spot).....	135 1/16	134 1/2
.. (forward) 13 1/2	133 1/16	133 1/16

—British Wireless.

pictures under the direction of Al Christie.

She received her first "big chance" on the screen as a member of the cast of George Loane Tucker's great drama, "The Miracle Man." This remarkable picture created overnight three new stars of filmdom—Miss Compson, Thomas Meighan and Lon Chaney.

Ann Keith, leading male role of Universal's sophisticated Continental comedy, "The Boudoir Diplomat," worked in a book store in New York when a young man, and it was here that he began an intensive study of the works of Shakespeare, in which he later appeared on the stage. He has now established a permanent residence in Hollywood, and is appearing exclusively in motion pictures.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Swatow	Sui Yang	April 25.
Calcutta and Straits	Suisang	April 25.
Straits	Allpore	April 26.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjibadak	April 26.
Manila	Pes. Grant	April 27.
Batavia	Tjikembang	April 28.
Straits	Cremor	April 28.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 12th Apr.)	Emp. of Russia	May 1.
London parcels (London 26th March)	Sarpelon	May 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Torukuni Maru	May 1.
Straits	Katori Maru	May 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 3rd Apr.)	Pes. Harrison	May 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 10th Apr.)	Pes. Cleveland	May 4.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 6.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Manila	Pres. Lincoln Sat., Apr. 25, 2.30 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Franken Sat., Apr. 25, 2.30 p.m.	
Bangkok	Halldor Sat., Apr. 25, 2.30 p.m.	
Saigon	Helikon Sat., Apr. 25, 3.30 p.m.	
Amoy	Sui Sang Sat., Apr. 25, 5 p.m.	
Foochow via Swatow	Chp Shing Sat., Apr. 25, 5 p.m.	
Bangkok	Ardent Sun., Apr. 26, 9 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canon Maru Sun., Apr. 26, 9 a.m.	
Swatow	Hydrangea Mon., Apr. 27, 3.00 p.m.	
Swatow	Hydrangea Mon., Apr. 27, 3 p.m.	
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Grant Mon., Apr. 27, 3 p.m.	
	Parcels 3 p.m.	
	Registration 4.15 p.m.	
	Letters 5 p.m.	(Due San Francisco 19th May).
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Grant Mon., Apr. 27, 3 p.m.	
	Registration 5 p.m.	
	Letters 6 p.m.	
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tjibadak Tues., Apr. 28, 9.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching Tues., Apr. 28, 1 p.m.	
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tonkin Tues., Apr. 28, 1 p.m.	
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Felix Roussel Tues., Apr. 28, 1 p.m.	
	K. P. O.	
	Registration 1 p.m.	
	Letters 1 p.m.	
	G. P. O.	
	Registration 1.45 p.m.	
	Letters 2.30 p.m.	(Due Marseilles 30th May).
Straits, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	Perseus Tues., Apr. 28, 2.30 p.m.	
	(Due Marseilles 30th May).	
Swatow and Amoy	Cromer Tues., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Chichibu Maru Wed., Apr. 29, 3 p.m.	
	Registration Apr. 28, 5 p.m.	
	Letters Apr. 29, 8.30 a.m.	(Due San Francisco 29th May).
Amoy	Tsinau Wed., Apr. 29, 3.30 p.m.	
Sandakan	Mauwang Fri., May 1, 10.50 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning Fri., May 1, 2 p.m.	
Manila	Emps. of Russia Fri., May 1, 3.30 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Terukuni Maru Fri., May 1, 4 p.m.	
	K.P.O.	
	Registration 4.30 p.m.	
	Letters 4.30 p.m.	
	G.P.O.	
	Registration 5 p.m.	
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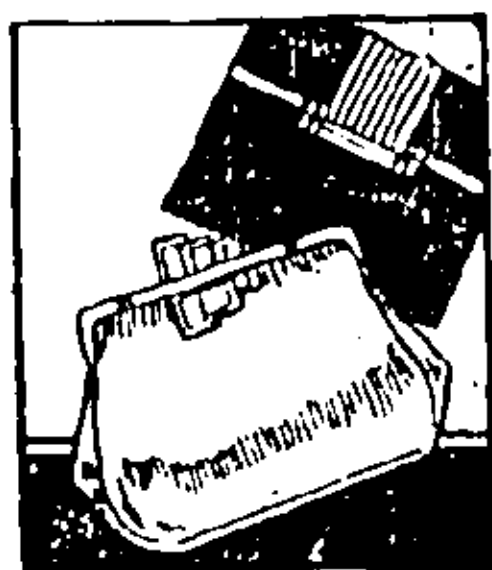
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WOMEN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Soft Lines Lend Femininity.



[By Joan Savoy.]

When you get out your golf sticks this spring, or start out to watch someone else tee off or play polo or a round of tennis, or if you want a colourful suit to wear under your new coat, you can look adorably feminine in the new sports things, but not the least bit "girly."

Soft of line, new sports outfits have an elegance about them that gives you the dignity that is an excellent sportswoman's due—whether she be a spectator sportsman or one who swings a good croquet mallet herself.

You will want lots of colour in your new sports suits, will probably prefer a sweater ensemble and certainly will want something with a jacket. Those are the three main points. The cut, colour and type of fancy material is up to you.

But you will find hip-length jackets bloused slightly and nipped in at the waistline with a few tucks or a belt, and an expressed preference for soft necklines. If you want to a bolero type of suit, you can have that, too, but it is apt to be a little fancy.

Variety is Achieved.
Two of the loveliest new costumes shown this spring for sportswear

illustrate quite diverse choices that are yours.

There is a brown, tan and white novelty knitted suit that looks like tweed in its good old home-spun knobby manner. The background is brown and the knobby flecks tan and white and the whole fabric is hand-knitted and beautifully fitted.

The skirt flares plenty and the soft little hip-length jacket has a shawl collar that rounds like a scarf, wider on one side than the other. Two buttons fasten it shut at the waistline and darts fit it in at the waistline. Under it is the cutest little eyelet blouse, white tan eyelets. This gives you an idea of how lovely the brown and white colour scheme for spring can be, and with the added touch of tan it takes on novelty and individuality.

The little bolero suit is a vivid blue three-piece costume, also of knitted wool, with the blouse of white background with a design of orchid, black and the blue of the suit. The woven wool has a charming little wavering line to its weave that stimulates an invisible stripe. The belt is a quite fancy affair with a matching buckle and a flat bow of the suit's material fastening through it. The bolero is finished in blue braid.

COLOURED FACE FLANNELS.

Accessories for the bath-room are becoming more and more gay, and the newest face flannels are made in a range of bright colours and patterns. Some flannels have merely a brightly coloured border in a futuristic design, while others are entirely covered with "trays" of colour, clusters of flowers, or luscious fruits. Children's flannels are gaily decorated with large animals or toys.

BIRTH-STONES.

Many women still favour lozenges, and the popularity of these glasses is demonstrated by one Bond-street shop, which is displaying a number of lozenges ornamented with various birth-stones. The lozenges are set with brilliant, with the birth-stone at the top, and the correct stone chosen and given to a woman on her birthday would meet with instant approval.

BEAUTY KITS.

[By Alicia Hart].

Keeping a beauty kit right in your office desk drawer or your locker is about the biggest stimulant you can have towards keeping yourself presentable.

It is a reminder, whenever you see it. It facilitates that mid-morning or noon-time "time-out" for beauty repairing. And often, as you well know, the only reason you haven't fixed yourself up was that it was such a bother to collect things or buy them or find them! I want to say right now it isn't necessary to spend a million dollars to have a complete beauty kit where you work. Any kind of a tin or wooden box, or even a paste-board one will do. You might, in your spare moments, cover it with attractive paper and shellac it, to make it quite a beauty itself. But that is not necessary.

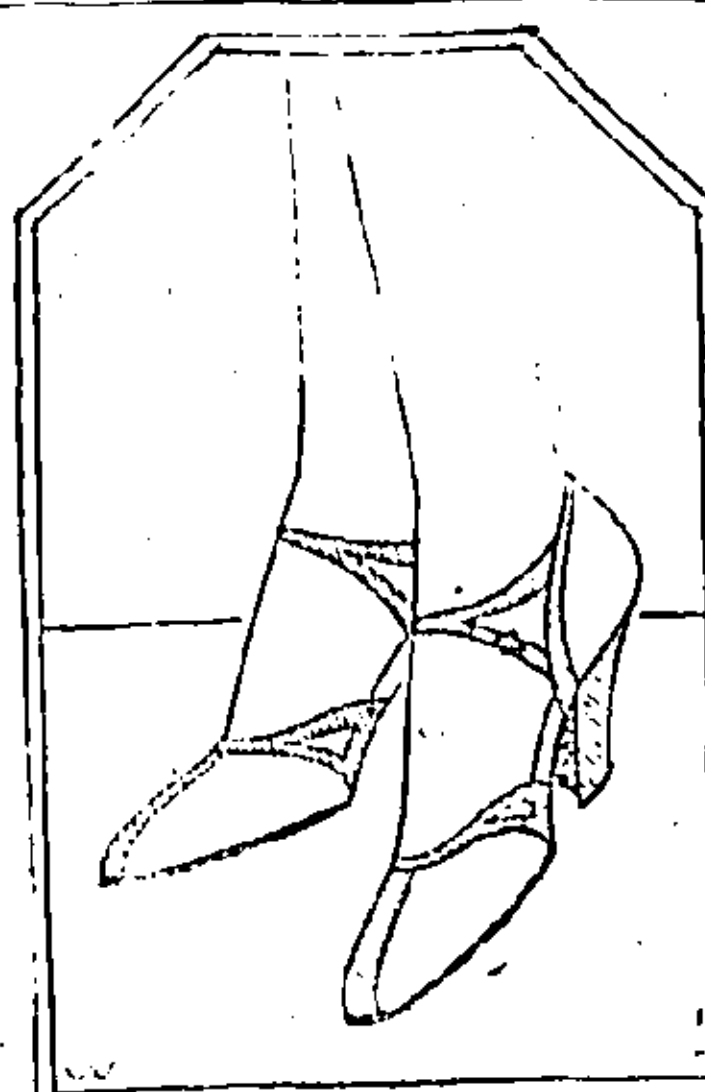
For the requirement, it often is easier to buy small tubes or jars of this or that than to find something at home in which to put a small amount of your regular lotions. But whatever you do do it, it certainly costs little, compared to the benefits.

One thing that many people overlook in equipping such a kit is a deodorant. You need that quite as much as you do cleansing cream. Another thing is a tooth-brush and paste. You probably carry your make-up right in your purse so that is not necessarily included, though if you are given to preferring loose-powder compacts, do keep a little box of your favourite brand in your beauty kit for many is the time you will leave forgetting your compact supply has run out.

Last, but not least, in this beauty kit you might add a little emergency needle, thread, scissors and thimble equipment. Good grooming is surely a part of beauty and no one can feel in the pink of perfection who has a hole in her heel, a hem that has come out, a bow that has fallen off or a loose button.

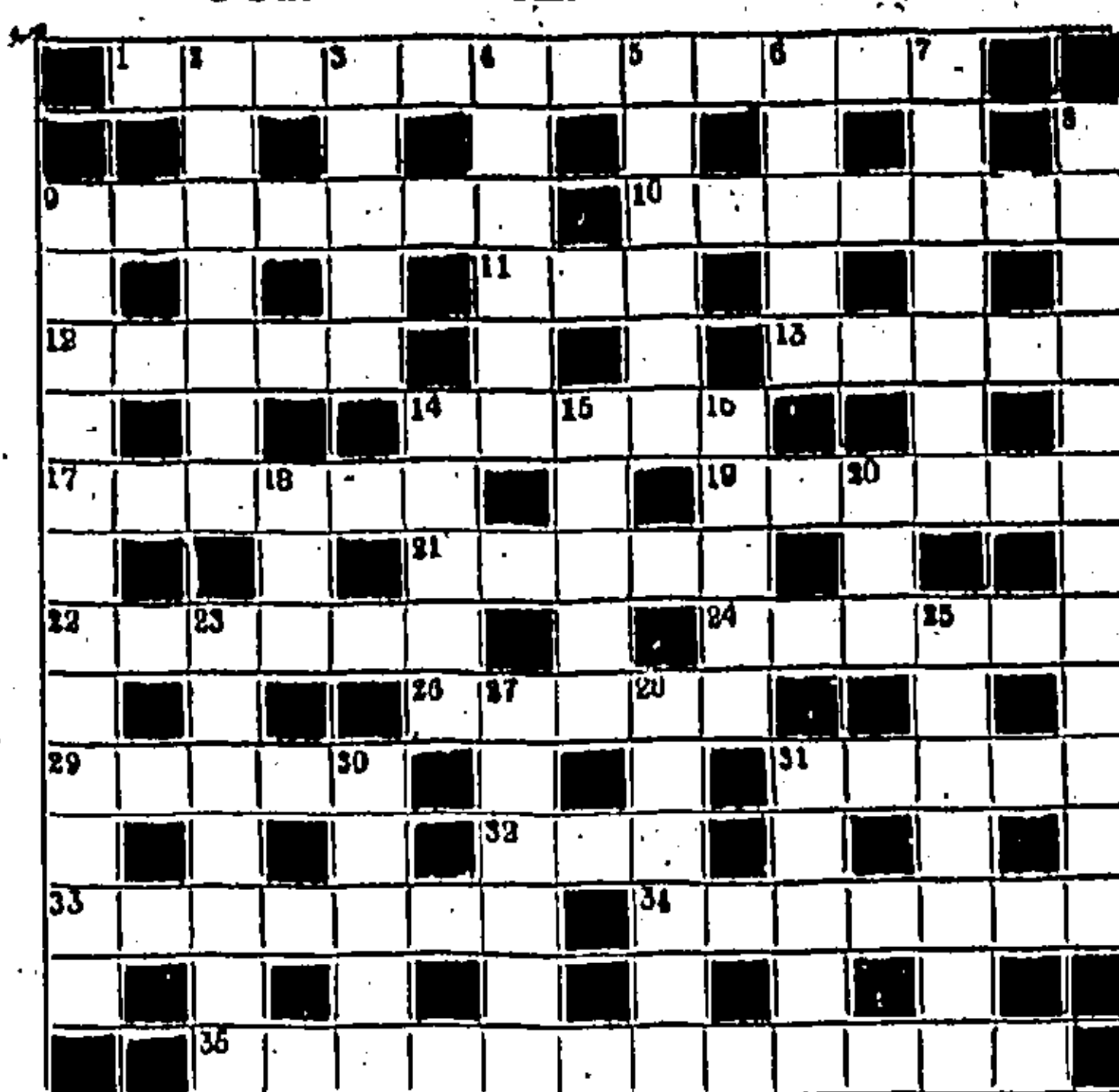
The matter of keeping the beauty kit fully equipped is an individual standard. I know women who keep tiny vials of perfume in their desk kits and others who always have an extra pair of socks and span gloves, a clean handkerchief, and even a brand new stockings. If these before-hand women get an unexpected invitation to tea or dinner, they are ready to start out looking all fixed up, without dashing money on accessories they have at home and do not need to buy.

Latest From Paris.



Parchment kid slippers with a darker beige trim piped in gold and the new lower heels are sent from Paris for the woman who entertains.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 Partiality is transformed to prophecy by the removal of a small French article.
- 2 Shubert's Old Man of the Sea, for instance.
- 3 Mean—like the man in the street.
- 4 Turn a little horse doctor round.
- 5 A kind of lace.
- 6 Had this weapon no 12, it would be of very little use.
- 7 Many a woman and many an old sailor does this.
- 8 This one is continually finding fault in a grange.
- 9 What owners of small sailing craft do to their masts before vanishing them.
- 10 What Shakespearean character says, "Full fathom five thy father lies?"
- 11 A treeless plain of Russia.
- 12 This dwelling is particularly doggy.
- 13 Each of these has its own "little Mary."
- 14 Reverse this for a group of South Pacific islands.
- 15 Anything may turn on this.
- 16 Only half an apology, but of equal value.
- 17 This circus is open all the year round in London.
- 18 The refuge of the shuffler.
- 19 An elephant trying to thread a needle while wearing boxing-gloves might exemplify this.

Down

- 2 This is very exhausting until a king loses his head—when it becomes his worst.
- 3 Although rather more than a debt that is really all that it is.
- 4 What is the word of which the following are anagrams—enlist, inlets, silent?

- 5 If a man puts this round his neck nowadays, it is under a different name.
- 6 Little things that may be miles.
- 7 This is next.
- 8 A ruler of the seas.
- 9 You won't get through if it's this.
- 10 The inhabitant of this dwelling is pretty sure to have a 13.
- 11 Did I omit anything other than has been mentioned? (hidden).
- 12 Is a sullen.
- 13 This get for you car—if you like such things.
- 14 The money in the present.
- 15 Wandering.
- 16 These appreciate a good dig—it means work for them.
- 17 Come out and see a fruit.
- 18 In America this office is a cheat of drawers.
- 19 This assembly is supposed to be most welcome in May.
- 20 It's very evident it's this sounds slightly.

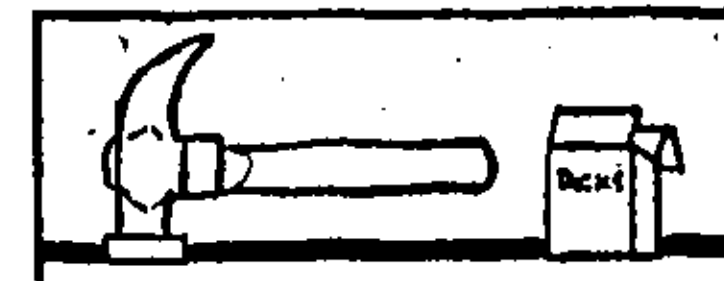
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STICKERS

"THERE IS RAVEN
MOCKING SORE!"
HE

Using the same letters as are contained in the first phrase, shown above, reconstruct a phrase of four words, beginning with "He," that will tell what the raven is doing. The correct sentence will rhyme with the first sentence.

Yesterday's Solution.



If the hammer and the box of tacks together cost \$1.10 and the hammer cost a dollar more than the tacks, the tacks would be five cents. The cost of the hammer—\$1.05—is a dollar more than five cents.

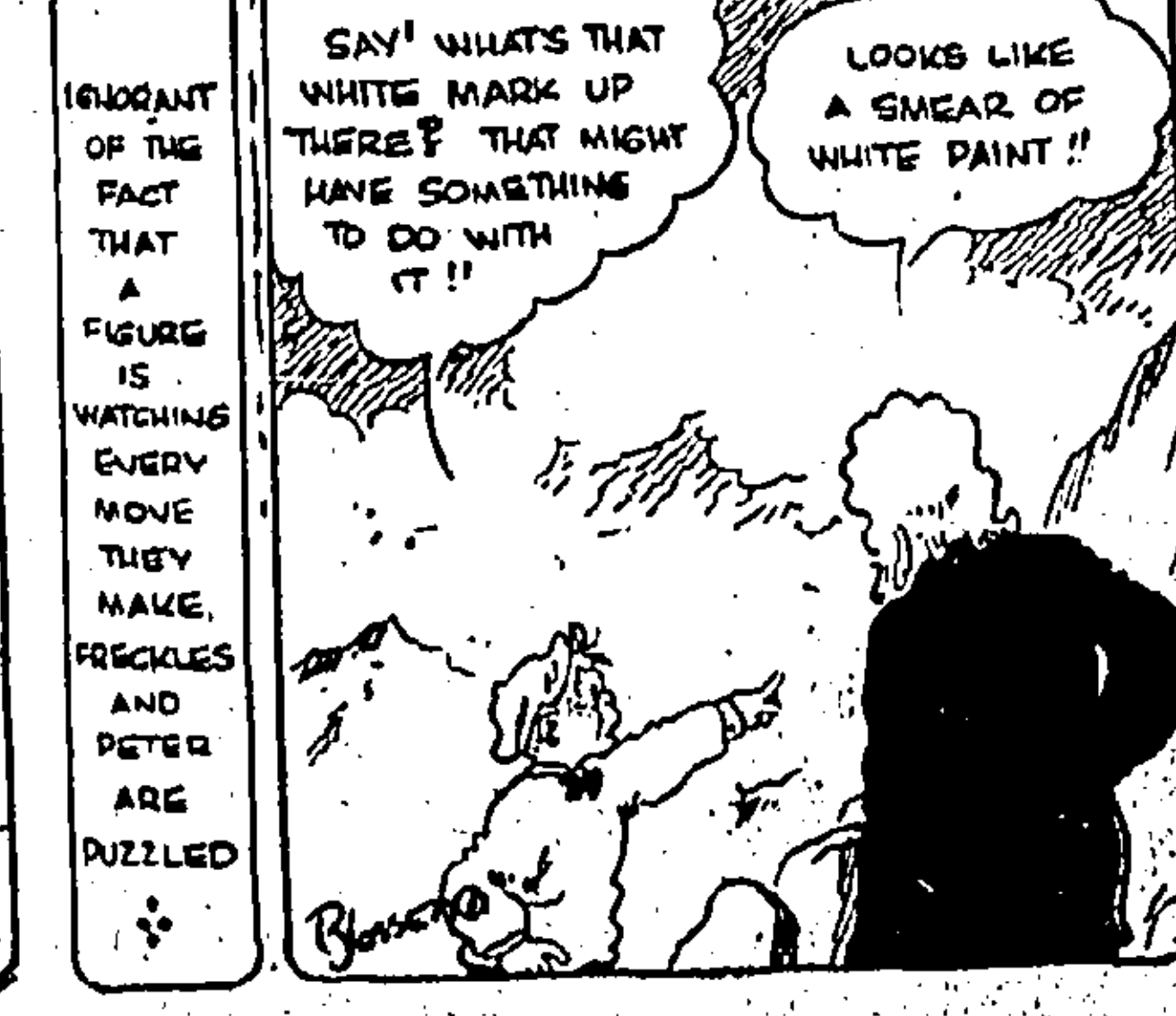
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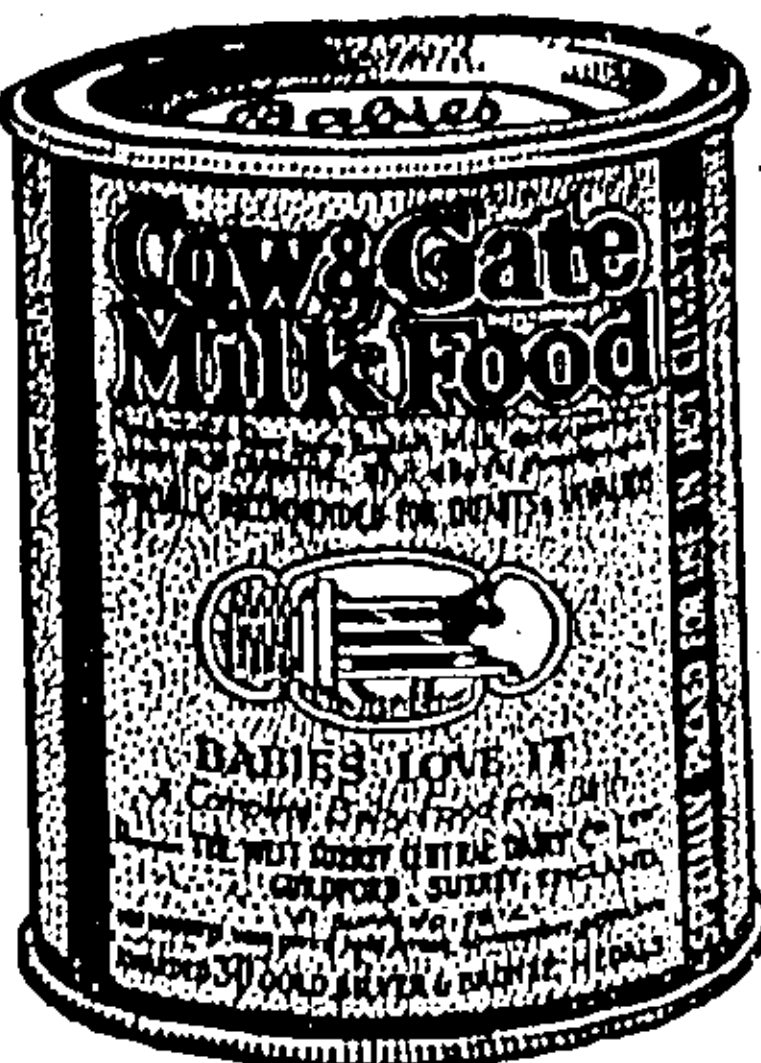
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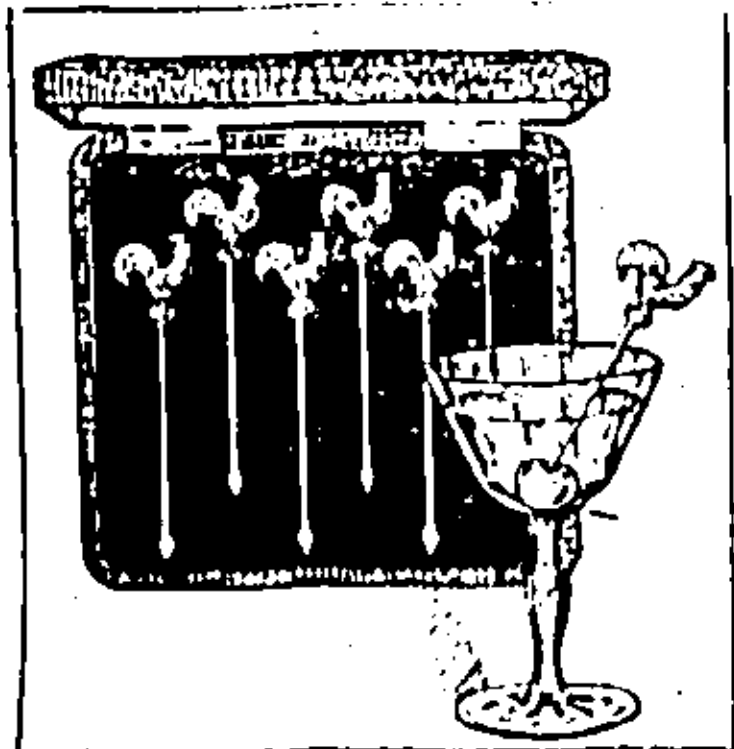
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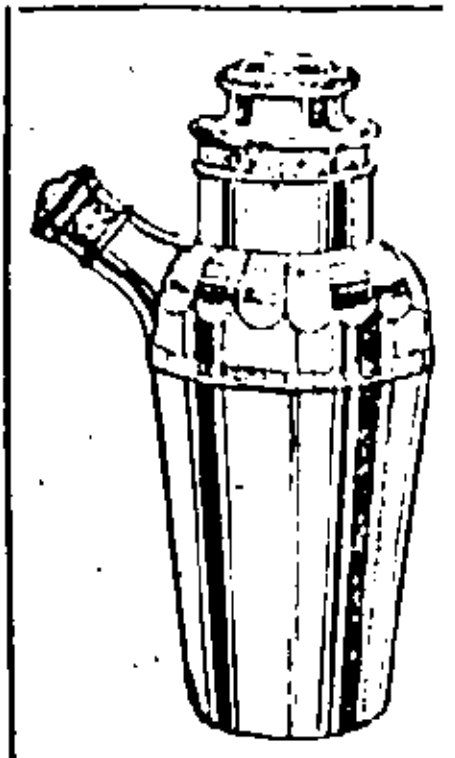
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**HONGKONG & CHINA
CURRENCY.**

Whilst Hongkong continues to discuss the desirability of stabilising its currency, China would appear to be "going gold" by a gradual process. The first move to escape some of the ill-effects of a debased silver currency was made when, last year, the Nanking Government decided to collect Custom dues on a gold basis. Shrewd observers then foresaw that this was but the initial move towards weaning the country from silver. The latest development is the intended issuing, as from May 1st, of banknotes expressed in terms of Customs gold units. Described as a measure of convenience to importers for the payment of duties, this decision is now interpreted in Shanghai as yet another step towards the adoption of a gold basis for the whole country. The belief is that Nanking has resolved to act on the recommendations of the Kemmerer Commission's Report and commence the gradual introduction of a uniform gold currency. Whether this conclusion is justified, time will tell.

However marked may be the conflict of opinion locally on the question of Hongkong acting independently of China in this matter of currency reform, there is, happily, no diversity of view on the wisdom of steps being taken to see that this Colony is not forestalled by China first "going gold." Those who assert that it would be disastrous for Hongkong to stabilise its currency, before China does, would be the first to admit the regrettable consequences of Hongkong being left in the lurch. Indeed, the local Currency Committee plainly stated that if Hongkong were found unprepared for China changing over to a gold standard currency, she would find herself a holder of much-cheaper silver, "a situation too disastrous to contemplate." Accordingly, the recommendation was made that all available data should be placed before expert opinion with a view to formulating and having in readiness a feasible scheme, worked out in detail, whereby the transfer of the Colony's currency from a silver to a gold basis might be effected as smoothly and with as little trouble and expense as possible, in case a sudden change-over be forced upon the Colony. Unfortunately, the

prompt action advocated was never taken, with the result that the only experts called in are the Currency Commissioners who have only recently arrived in the Colony. Beyond the fact that these Commissioners have been sent out to study the general currency problem, nothing has been disclosed as to their terms of reference. We are left to speculate whether the prime object of their visit is to ascertain if we can stabilise independently of China, or to work out a plan which shall be in readiness in the event of China definitely going on to a gold basis. Possibly, they have both these points in view. At any rate, the divergence of viewpoint disclosed by the majority and minority reports of the local Committee would seem to have been a factor animating the Home Government in sending outside experts to the Colony.

The matter of immediate moment, however, is whether there is any danger of our being left in that position which the local Committee described as being "too disastrous to contemplate." Present developments in China would seem to point to the necessity of the Currency Commission expediting its work, if it is empowered to draw up a scheme for coping with a sudden change-over by China. Some comfort, however, may be gathered from the fact that China appears to be moving towards gold by easy stages. None the less, it is well to be prepared for all eventualities. In a matter of this sort, would it not be possible for China and Britain to keep in diplomatic touch on the currency issue? That is a point which ought to be taken up, and we see no reason why the Hongkong Government should not make representations along those lines to the authorities in London.

Oil From Coal.

The eventual establishment in Great Britain of a new industry, embarking on the production of oil from coal, will be of immense significance in the protection of Britain's economic and strategic positions. The process to be exploited has nothing in common with low temperature carbonisation processes, which produce small quantities of liquid fuel as by-products only. After months of intensive research, the difficult technical operation of hydrogenating coal into petrol and fuel oil with but a small residue of waste product of no value, has been brought to a successful conclusion by the Imperial Chemical Industries, which will take a leading part in the commercialising of the process. The rapid strides recently made were fully explained by Sir Harry McGowan, the chairman, at the annual meeting. The pilot plant for conversion by hydrogenation has been continuously employed in further research work, with the result that major improvements have been made in the development of the processes. The advances made have brought the difficult technique of high pressure synthesis into the commercial field, and, it may be noted, the importance does not consist solely in the ability to render Britain independent of foreign sources for her fuel supplies. High pressure synthesis is destined to play a leading part in the main developments of every branch of the chemical industry, and the knowledge which the Imperial Chemical Industries has added to the process entitles them to unreserved congratulation. As the result of work in the coal-to-oil process, a marked fall in the working costs of the process has been obtained, while the quality of the product is beyond question, being equal in grades of natural oil on the market. The capitalising of these discoveries and processes will add not only to the prestige of this great company, but will do much to restore prosperity to the British coal industry.

It is notified in the Gazette that the Official Administrator holds a sum of \$348.10, being balance of the intestate estate of Wong Nam, and if the sum is not claimed within five years it will be transferred to the general revenue of the Colony.

DAY BY DAY

MERCY MORE BECOMES A MAGISTRATE THAN THE VINDICTIVE WRATH WHICH MEN CALL JUSTICE.—Longfellow.

The Gazette contains revised charges for medical treatment, analyses, etc.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Rotary Club, Squadron Leader P. C. Wood will speak on "Aviation."

The Government is inviting tenders for the completion of the staff quarters at the Station Railway Station.

It is notified that Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., resumed duty as Colonial Secretary on 23rd April, 1931.

The names of Mr. Richard Edmund Lee and Mr. Ip Hin Fong has been added to the List of Authorized Architects.

A bankruptcy notification states that a second and final dividend of 82 per cent. has been declared in the case of Chan Tsz-cheuk, of 131, Wellington Street.

An order has been made for the closing of the road leading from the eastern entrance to the Kowloon Hospital northwards to the temple near the junction of Boundary Street and Prince Edward Road.

Among the passengers arriving here on the S.S. President Lincoln was Dr. P. Caland, a noted doctor of chemistry from the Hague, Holland. Dr. Caland is accompanied by his wife. They will return via the Dutch East Indies.

The Kowloon Motor Bus Company has arranged a through service of buses to Un Long. Passengers can transfer from one bus to another by walking over the broken portion of the road at the 17½ mile point on the Castle Peak Road.

At a meeting of the Senate of the University of London Sir Reginald Fleming Johnston, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., M.A. (Oxon.), LL.D. (Hongkong), was appointed to the University Chair of Chinese, tenable at the School of Oriental Studies, as from Sept. 1.

Among the latest civilian appointments made by the Admiralty are: Mr. E. W. J. Wedlock, first-grade clerk, Naval Store Department, Hongkong Dockyard; and Mr. E. W. E. Dunn, acting second-grade clerk, R.N. Armament Depot, Hongkong.

The meeting of the Hongkong branch of the English Association, postponed from April 7, will be held in the Cathedral Hall, at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, when Mr. A. H. Fenwick, B.Sc., will deliver a lecture on "F. W. H. Myers." This is the last meeting of the season.

The health bulletin of Eastern Ports, issued for week ending April 18, records five cases of plague and four deaths in Baghdad, and four deaths in Bombay. Alexandria has had one notification of typhus, and the figures for cholera are: Calcutta, 82 cases, 51 deaths; Chittagong, 10 and 4; Madras, 1 and 1; Pondicherry, 3 cases, 1 death; Rangoon, 1 case, 1 death; Saigon, 3 and 3; Small-pox, Calcutta 60 and 42; Bombay 2 cases; Chittagong 1 case; Coochin 11 cases; Karachi 5 cases; Madras 4 and 1; Moulemein 1 and 1; Negapatnam 1 case; Rangoon 2 cases; Pondicherry 20 cases; Singapore 1 death; Canton two cases; Shanghai 7 deaths; Greater Shanghai 1 case; Cerebro-Spinal Fever—Shanghai 9 deaths; Greater Shanghai 10 cases and 1 death; Batavia 1 case and 1 fatality.

END SUNDAY GLOOM.

By COLLINSON OWEN:

AT last there is some prospect of the absurdities that cling to Sunday entertainments in England being sent to the limbo to which they belong.

As soon as possible after Easter the Government propose to bring in a Bill—to be left to a free vote of the House—which will review the whole ridiculous situation as it now stands.

It will give a chance to start afresh, and if there is not some satisfactory and broadminded solution, then it will be the fault of Parliament.

Parliament is supposed to represent the people. There is no doubt as to what sort of solution the great majority of the people demand. It is freedom, just that and no more. If theatres and all other forms of entertainment are open, then nobody need patronise them who does not wish to do so.

Since the tradition that any form of entertainment—whether on Sunday or otherwise—is "wicked" still lingers in the minds of only a very small minority, then it follows that any opposition to such a rational state of things could only come from the exercise of the pettiest form of tyranny on the part of this small number.

Dragoned by the Minority. That minorities are so powerful is one of the curiosities of life, although the psychology of it is quite simple. A small body of people who mean business—whether good or bad business—will always get the better of a large body of people who are basking about nothing in particular, even though the business under discussion by others may be important to them.

It is simply the idea of purposefulness, efficiency and discipline—as exemplified in a small body of police dealing with an unorganised mob—applied to ordinary every-day affairs. If all the people who want freedom exerted themselves half as much as the people who desire to limit it, then the fanatics would not have a chance.

But the great happy-go-lucky majority remains just that, and nothing more. Its members are merely concerned with living—which is often difficult enough, any-how—and have no crusading hobby. Thus in politics, religion, in local administration, on licensing bodies, and in many other ways, the small army of Nasty Parkers carries the day against the far greater army of amiable Do Nothings. They issue orders, make rules of life for others to follow, and generally impose their will on the majority. They are the stronger only because the others allow them to be so.

Knuckling Under to Dora. If England could only abolish once and for all those various inhibitions which were laid on us during the war, in the name of Dora, she might recapture something of her real soul, and face with quite another temper those greater difficulties which now crowd so thickly upon us.

It is a situation which resembles one very familiar to mind specialists. A man suffers from a "fixed idea." It is originally small and perhaps not too important, but it grows and grows until finally it obscures everything else.

Cure him—if you can—of the fixed idea and the man is himself again and fit to face life once more.

So with England and its no-cigarets-after-eight-o'clock mentality. That state of mind, by which

the nation is dragged down by petty laws, is now some fifteen or sixteen years old. The younger generation has known nothing else. Victorian London and England would have roared with laughter at such rubbish. It is an enforced rule of life not fit for savages, not fit for children.

But we go on submitting to a political treasure because as a great majority we are too supine and too shiftless to overthrow it. Such a nation is precisely the material which a Gandhi needs to thrive on.

Forgotten Freedom. This matter of cigarettes, matches, chocolates, club-hours and all the rest is much more important to a nation's good conceit of itself than most people realise.

It is striking to think that to-day no person under the age, say, of thirty-two is actively conscious that there was ever a happier state of affairs, when in a hundred little ways the people had far greater liberty in their everyday life. In ten years' time no person under the age of forty-two—that is to say, the great majority—will realise this. Even the memory of personal liberty will be lost.

Then some day, say fifty years hence, some person of more than average intellect or curiosity will wake up and say:

"Good heavens, do you know the truth about all these absurd little laws! They were imposed during the Great War of 1914-18, as a means of keeping the people at home quiet and serious and in order, and with the express promise that as soon as the war was won they would all be removed. But the joys managed to keep them going, and here we have them hanging round our necks still. Can you beat that!"

That is precisely the situation with regard to Sunday entertainments to-day. Up to the Sunday Observance Act of 1870 the theatres had opened on Sundays ever since the Stuart days, when Charles II. ascended the throne, making a welcome change from too much Puritanism, even if that amiable monarch swung too far in the other direction.

In 1780 the war against the American colonies had developed into a war against half the world. The Sunday Observance Act was aimed to close not theatres, but certain assembly halls where orthodox religious meetings were held.

In the tumult of the time nobody bothered about the fact that somewhere theatres had been included in the general ban. And so for a hundred and fifty years, night—Sunday night—closed on the theatreland in London and England.

There is nothing "wrong" in going to a theatre or a cinema on a Sunday any more than is the case on Monday. It conflicts with no truly religious principle. It is a commonplace, passing quite unnoticed, in countries such as France, where really "religious" people are much more strict than any we know.

On the other hand, there is much that is right about it. For many people it is the only real evening of relaxation in the week, and there is nothing whatever unfit in a man and his wife going to church in the morning and going to see a play in the evening. It would indeed show their catholicity of mind. That it should be "wrong" to be amused on a Sunday evening is an idea worthy only of a loin-cloth and ring-in-the-nose mentality.

Parliament will shortly have the chance to lift from us a little of that blanket of depression that has been over us ever since the frenzied rejoicings of Armistice Day—on which frenzied day all the restrictions should have gone in one sweep.

That the cinemas should be closed again on Sundays is unthinkable. There are dim and drab provincial towns which will be all the better for the lights of the cinemas on Sunday nights, puerile though many films may be. It is better for young people to hold hands in the picture house than to walk ceaselessly up and down a main street when perhaps only the lights of an inn—for which, some thanks—show any signs of life.

And if the cinemas are legally given this freedom, then the theatres certainly must have it. What the actors make of it is their own affair. It is time the public as a whole was considered, without reference to any one or other section of it, and Parliament should now do what it is elected for, that, to make life better for the people.

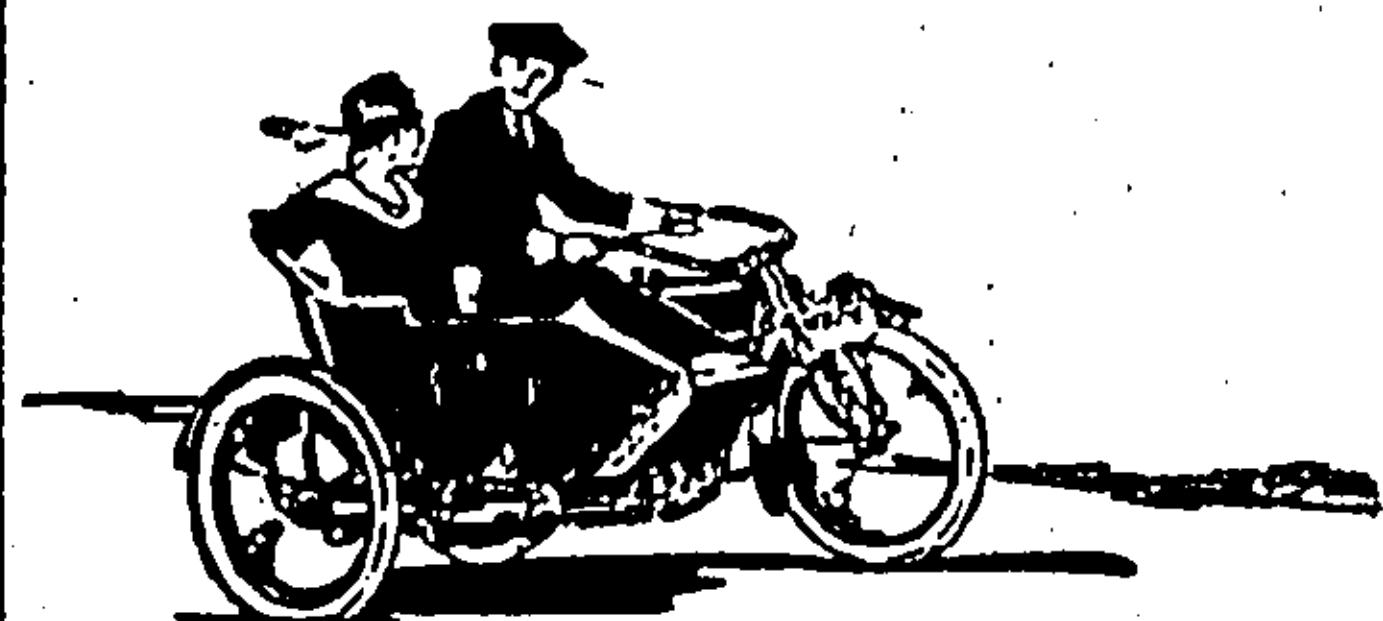
**MEN
SUPERSTITIOUS.**
By HELEN ROSE.

A society bridegroom, Lord Brougham, bought a half ticket for the Grand National Sweepstake because he says he found three black cats on his doorstep! So sure was (Continued on Page 7.)

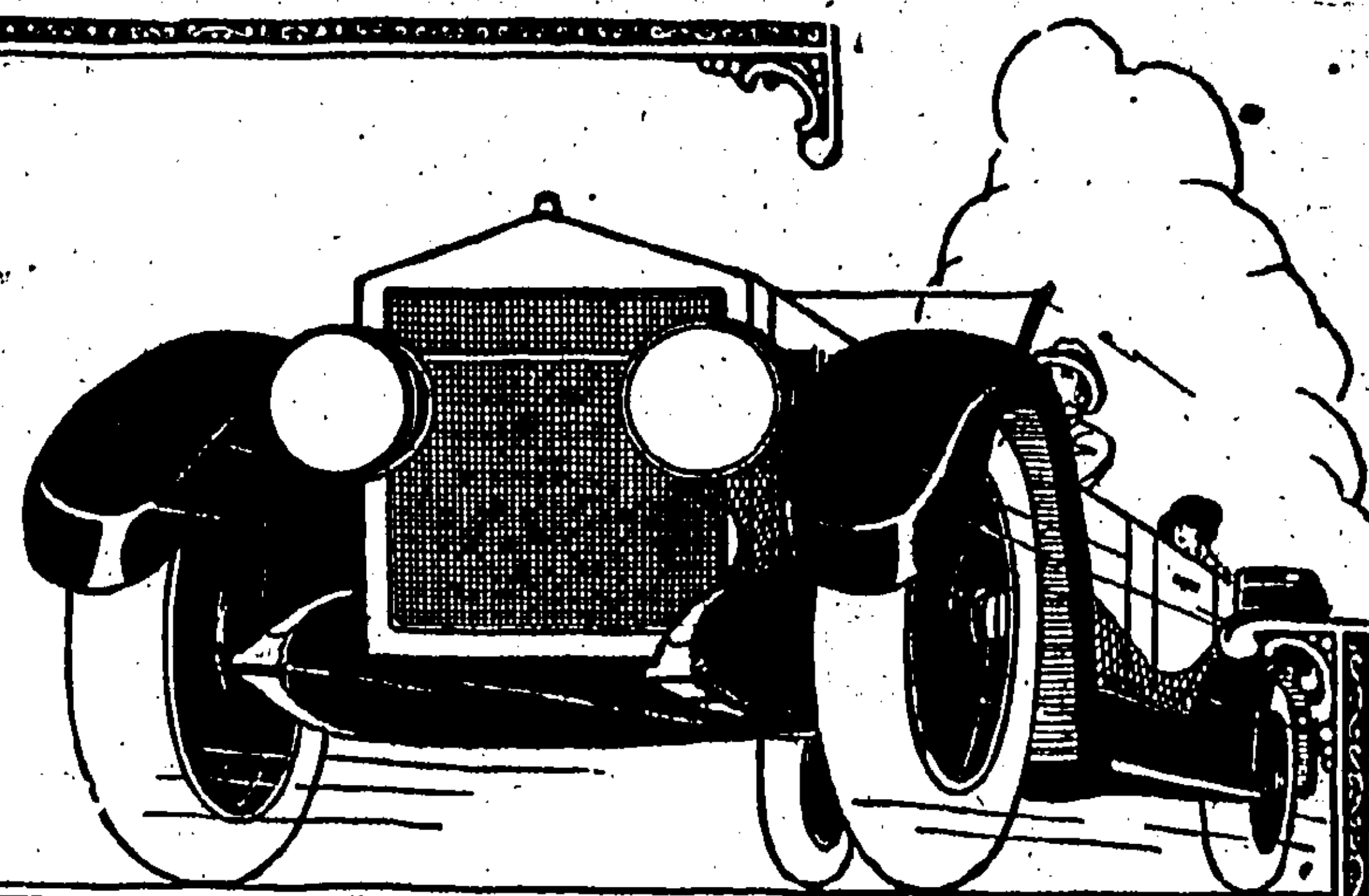


"He wanted to know how he'd recognize us, so I told him I'd be wearing the white flower."

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CURRENT COMMENT

Road Obstructions.

We have received several complaints from motorists concerning the non-lighting, or insufficient warning of road obstructions, such as heaps of road material, partly filled-in trenches and the like. Whenever work is in progress, or whenever a risk is caused by obstruction, suitable warning must be provided. It appears to be a practice to place small branches of greenery on rough patches, and in one case, we noticed that this primitive system had been employed during the day, and no lighting whatever at night. If contractors are to blame, (although we cannot agree that they are), definite instructions should be given covering every road job undertaken.

Brake Testing.

Although the Traffic Department exercises careful supervision of public vehicles, and periodically tests them to ensure that they are in sound mechanical condition, especially in connexion with brakes, we do not think that sufficient attention is paid to private cars, but in some cases, the appearance of cars alone would warrant a traffic officer so qualified, to make a test on the road. This note is prompted by the witnessing of an illuminating incident recently in which an owner-driver had the greatest difficulty in stopping his car in sudden emergency. His trouble was weak brakes. It is up to every owner to have his car inspected and tested at intervals, for not only has his own safety to be considered, but the safety of other road users.

Insurance.

Another matter which calls for attention is the fact that some owners do not insure their cars. We believe that investigation would reveal that there are many uninsured owners here, and this makes a spirit to be strongly deplored, especially from the aspect of third-party risk. Insurance should be compulsory in Hongkong just as it is in practically every other part of the world. In the event of a fatal accident, possibly due to the carelessness of the driver, there should be a guarantee sufficient funds will be available to discharge any liability which may arise. Insurance is the obvious safeguard.

Motor Buses.

On the night of the tragic railway accident, motor buses proved their great worth in transporting the injured, as well as the hundreds of people stranded in the vicinity of Shatin. The vehicles belonging to the Hongkong Tramway Company were very much in evidence, while Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, the General Manager, together with his staff, organised the emergency transport services most efficiently. Other bus companies co-operated in a most satisfactory manner.

N. IRELAND CARS.

Official statistics issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland give the number of motor licences current in that country on August 31. As regards private cars, there were on that date 18,414. During the month of August the total number of new registrations of cars taxed on horse power for which the county and county borough authorities in Northern Ireland were responsible was 131.

BUS PLAYS A LEADING ROLE IN JAPANESE FILM



The love of a boot-black for a bus conductress is the subject of a popular Japanese cinema in which this Chevrolet bus helps the course of true love to run smoothly.

GARAGE IN LINER. Three Times Usual Space in New Cunarder. ON CUNARD.

The world's largest floating garage is to be a feature of the giant Cunard liner now being built at Messrs. John Brown and Co.'s shipyard at Clydebank, near Glasgow.

A car accommodation expert is to advise those responsible for the design and construction of luggage and general freight compartments. It is intended to triplicate the space usually allotted to cars.

At present even the largest Atlantic liners have room for only about a dozen cars and in the height of the season their car holds are always full.

The new liner is to have special accommodation for chauffeurs. A mess will be provided for them, and a special rate charged for their berths.

The transport and debarkation of cars is now highly organised at all our leading ports. An official of the R.A.C. told me yesterday that cars can be unloaded at, say, Southampton Docks, and be cleared of Customs and all other formalities at the rate of one in eight minutes.

It is anticipated that the new vessel will also have a accommodation for aeroplanes.

NEW FACTORY. Inaugurated by Telephone at Buenos Aires. FROM AKRON, OHIO.

A signal by long distance telephone from F. W. Litchfield, President of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company, from his office in Akron to President Jose Francisco Uriburu of Argentina started the turning of the wheels Saturday afternoon, January 24, in the new Goodyear tyre factory at Hurlingham, a few miles from the centre of Buenos Aires.

The dedication of the factory in the South American republic was an auspicious occasion and wrote another chapter in the industrial history of that nation. Elaborate ceremonies had been planned, and in addition to Goodyear officials who are in immediate charge of the plant, and those who left Akron recently for the opening, prominent Argentine government, army and navy officials and well-known industrial leaders, besides many Goodyear dealers were present.

The telephone line from Akron to Hurlingham was "cut through" a few minutes before 2 o'clock. Promptly at 2 o'clock Mr. Litchfield began his short address. President Uriburu and his staff were with Goodyear officials on a specially erected platform. Telephone head sets were provided for the party for receiving the message from Akron.

The Goodyear executive's talk was punctuated by brief pauses to enable an interpreter at Hurlingham to relay in Spanish to the gathering the message from the Goodyear home office. At the close of the long distance exchange of felicitations Mr. Litchfield invited the Argentine president to press the button which started the wheels of another industrial enterprise.

C. C. Slusser, vice president of Goodyear, and A. G. Cameron, vice president of the Goodyear Export Company, sailed from New York on January 3 to participate in the opening ceremonies.

Ross A. White, Goodyear managing director in Argentine since 1916, is in charge of the new factory. Fred W. Climer, for many years manager of the Goodyear factory personnel department at Akron is superintendent, and George Riveire, formerly manager of Goodyear Philippines and Goodyear Spain, is sales manager. Riveire has been with Goodyear about 14 years.

The Hurlingham plant is 250 by 400 feet, and in addition there are several annexes for boiler room, engineering building, and switchboard quarters.

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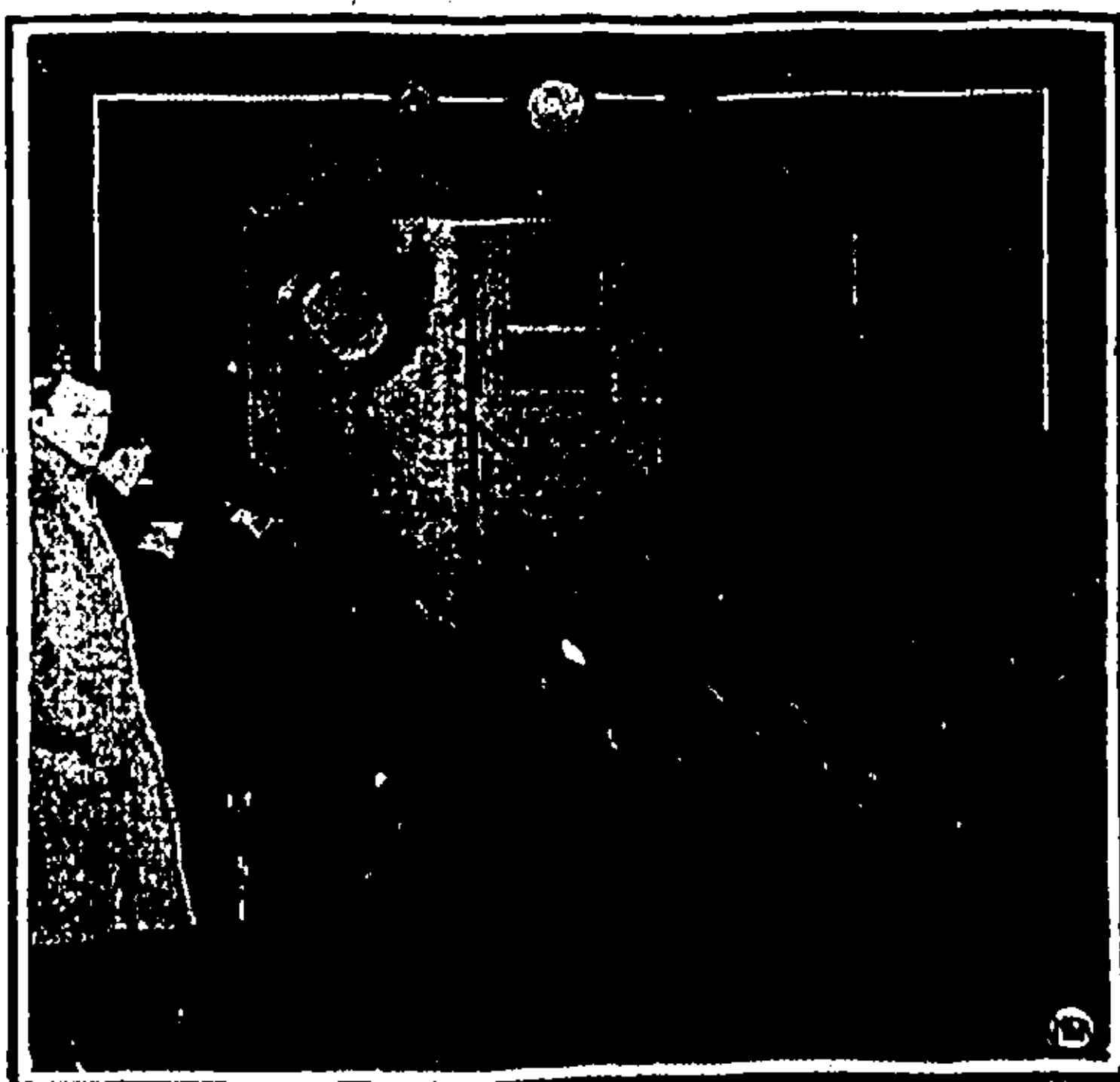
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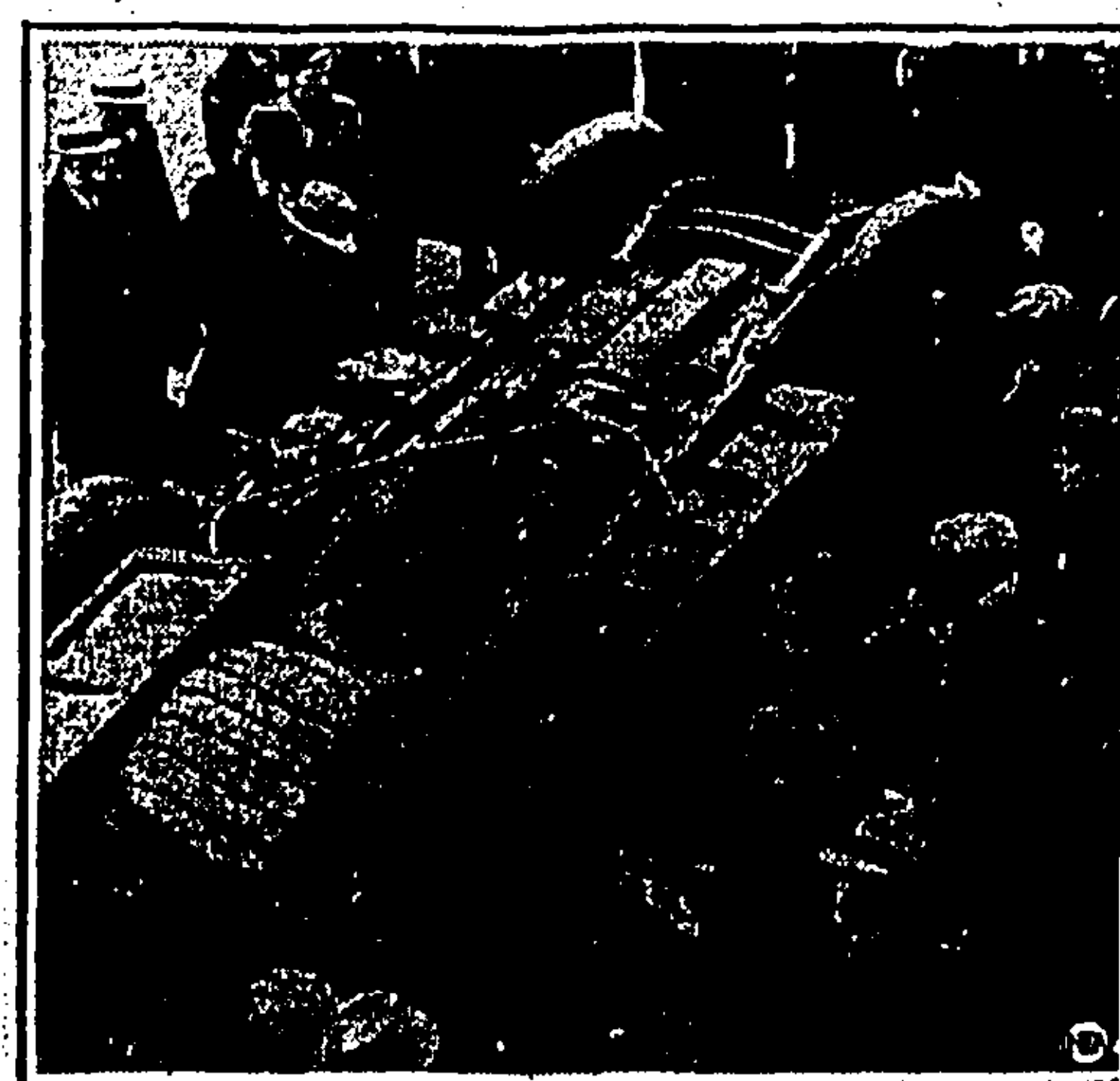
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MOTOR NOTES FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

[Special Report to the Hongkong Telegraph by R.A.C.]

Many New Records.

The year 1931 has already been remarkable for the number of records and endurance tests put up by British cars. Apart from Sir Malcolm Campbell's performance with "Blue Bird" which stands in a class alone, there was his baby car record of 94 m.p.h. for the mile. Then this was broken at Brooklands by G.E.T. Eyston, who attained speeds of 97.09 m.p.h. and 96.93 m.p.h. for the kilometre and mile respectively in a supercharged M. G. Midget. Since the beginning of the year Eyston has had a wonderful run of success with this car, a Singer Junior and a Singer Ten at Montlhery. He began by breaking the records for 50 kilometres, 50 miles and 100 kilometres in the Midget; he then took out a Singer Junior and in a 21-hour endurance test covered over 1,200 miles at an average speed of 50 m.p.h. After further successes with the M.G., and aided by E. A. D. Eldridge and P. Brewster, he drove a Singer Ten for 48 hours and despite appalling weather conditions set up four new long distance records—48 hours endurance, 3,000 miles, 4,000 kilometres and 5,000 kilometres—his speed throughout averaging over 55 m.p.h.

Supporters of Racing.

At a time when various well-known firms have decided to refrain from racing during 1931, it is refreshing to learn that the Riley Co. has expressed its determination to support it wholeheartedly.

Last year the company was represented in races by private entrants only and one of these, Victor Gillow, won the first day's race of the Irish Grand Prix. This year Gillow will lead the official team which will enter for the Double Twelve, the Irish Grand Prix and the T. T. Race. The cars will be standard editions of the "Nine" Brooklands model and will not be supercharged.

In addition to racing, the company will be represented in certain trials by Donald Healey, who won the large car class in the recent Monte Carlo Rally. He will be driving a "Nine" in the Paris-Nice trial, the Buda Peste Rally and other selected events.

On the Continent.

The sweeping successes of British cars in this year's Monte Carlo Rally were not confined to general classification or hill climbing, for in the Comfort Competition 11 out of the 13 prizes were secured by British cars. In the class for closed cars over 1,100 c.c., the two 25 h.p. Sunbeams which had made successful journeys from John o' Groats, were awarded second and fourth prizes. Mr. A. H. Pass was the winner of the former, his car having a specially designed Weymann metal panelled body; Mr. Browning was fourth, the body of his car being a standard 7-seater Weymann limousine. France and Spain, by the way, have now five Rolls-Royce service stations. Those in Paris and Madrid are open all the year, while at Nice, Biarritz and San Sebastian stations operate during the respective seasons. Larger premises have lately been opened in Nice to give still better facilities to Rolls-Royce owners wintering on the Riviera.

A Bad Policy.

Most of the leading manufacturers realise the value of good safety glass and it is significant that Triples is fitted on both the most expensive and the cheapest of cars on the British market—the 40/50 h.p. Rolls-Royce and the Morris Minor S.V.

Certainly, to fit inferior glass in an otherwise well-produced car is "spoiling the ship for a ha'porth of tar" with a vengeance, for no owner can be fully satisfied with a car in which the glass becomes discoloured or develops semitransparent patches. In this connection the sealed edge is of the greatest importance for long life.

Distinguished Owners' Choice.

It is always a matter of interest to note the choice of distinguished personages in respect of their cars and this is particularly the case where they are destined for service overseas as their presence is bound to influence local sales. Among recent orders received by Rootes Ltd. are two of more than ordinary interest for this reason. The Earl of Willington, the new Viceroy of India, for

instance, has ordered two Humber Pullman models and a Hillman touring car for his use in India. The newly appointed Governor General of Canada, the Earl of Renfrew, too, has decided upon a Humber, in this case a "Snipe" saloon.

A special feature of this model is the fitting of left-hand drive, a most important modification for Canadian roads.

Electrical Equipment Service.

Nowadays the installation of an automobile electrical test bench has become an absolute necessity for any modern service station undertaking an appreciable amount of electrical work. Only too often it is found that, while vast sums of money are spent in equipping service stations and garages with everything that could possibly be required mechanically, from an electrical point of view no provision whatever is made. As a result reliance has to be placed on specialist firms or on the manufacturers for even minor matters and often a great deal of time is lost unnecessarily.

A good test bench such as is made by Newtons of Taunton, for instance, and an efficient electrician are sufficient to enable any service station to undertake the complete diagnosis of electrical troubles and the testing of equipment.

Of course, electrical equipment today is remarkably reliable and is the outcome of the most intensive research and testing. Take, for example, but one of the tests to which Lucas batteries are subjected. In this particular test they undergo combined vibration, bumping, overcharging and tropical heat. The batteries are carried in pivoted cradles under which revolves a turntable with a number of uneven projections. For long periods they are bumped and pitched over this apparatus, are continuously overcharged at three times the normal rate and the test room is heated up to tropical temperatures.

These research tests are often carried on for 20 hours on end, giving a combination of unfavourable conditions far more severe than possible in actual service.

Vehicles for India.

The two "shikar" vehicles which have been built and dispatched to India for the Maharaja of Patiala are about as luxurious and complete as it is possible to imagine. Both are A.E.C. "Regal" chassis, one possessing a travelling couch body to seat 27 persons and the other a dining saloon with accommodation for 16 at one sitting.

The "window glass is Triples "purdah" blue tinted, which enables the occupants to see out, but prevents people looking in, the table legs are chromium plated, the cutlery is of solid silver and on the roof of each vehicle is a 225,000 candle-power searchlight.

The water supply in the dining saloon is obtained from tanks in the roof and the kitchenette is fitted with a large primus stove. The heating of the interior of the vehicles is by means of Thermorid exhaust heaters, which are controlled by a handle on the front bulkhead.

A very interesting vehicle recently shipped to India en route for Kashmir is a Dennis motor water sprinkler for the Jammu Polo Ground. The machine consists of a 500 gallon tank mounted on a motor chassis and arranged for watering the turf, somewhat after the manner of the familiar street-sprinkling machine but with the difference that the Jammu machine has a special power unit for ejecting the water. This auxiliary plant is of low power and its fuel consumption is therefore very economical, while there are no fluctuations in the width of the water spray.

The Spirit of Adventure.

Many and various are the uses to which motor cycles are put, put up to now no one has set out on one to seek a fortune. This, however, is what has just been done by two young Australians who have left Perth with an old Triumph sidecar outfit and have joined in the 1931 Gold Rush.

In place of the usual type sidecar, they have fitted a special box which houses their gear, petrol and oil. Tent, shovel, tools, food, fuel supplies etc. for a trip of 400 miles are carried, including an ingeniously fitted oil drum with over 20 gallons of water. As the sidecar is packed to overflowing, the passenger rides on the pillion not dead. Two young Midlanders have started on a world trip with an Ariel and an extra large van-shaped sidecar. These adventurers are taking full camping kit with them and do not mean to spend money on accommodation. Their route lies across Europe to Constantinople, thence to Alexandria, Cairo and Capetown and later through India and Malaya to Australia.

The Ariel people, by the way, have entered the market with their first 350 c.c. machine, which is to all intents and purposes a big brother to the 250 c.c. O.H.V. 2-port Colt. An inclined-cylinder is used and the home price of the new model is £42.

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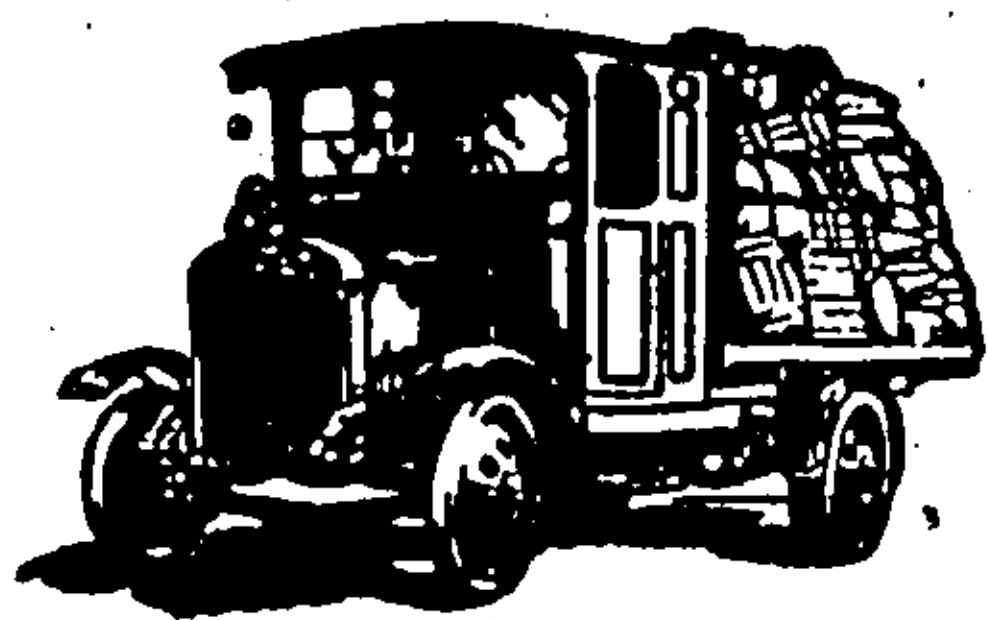
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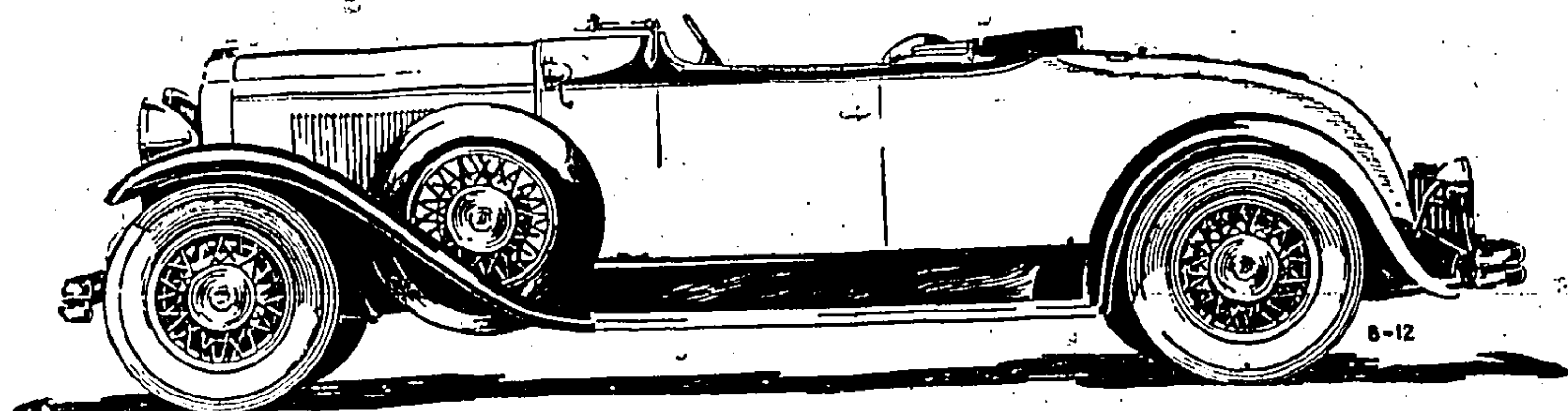
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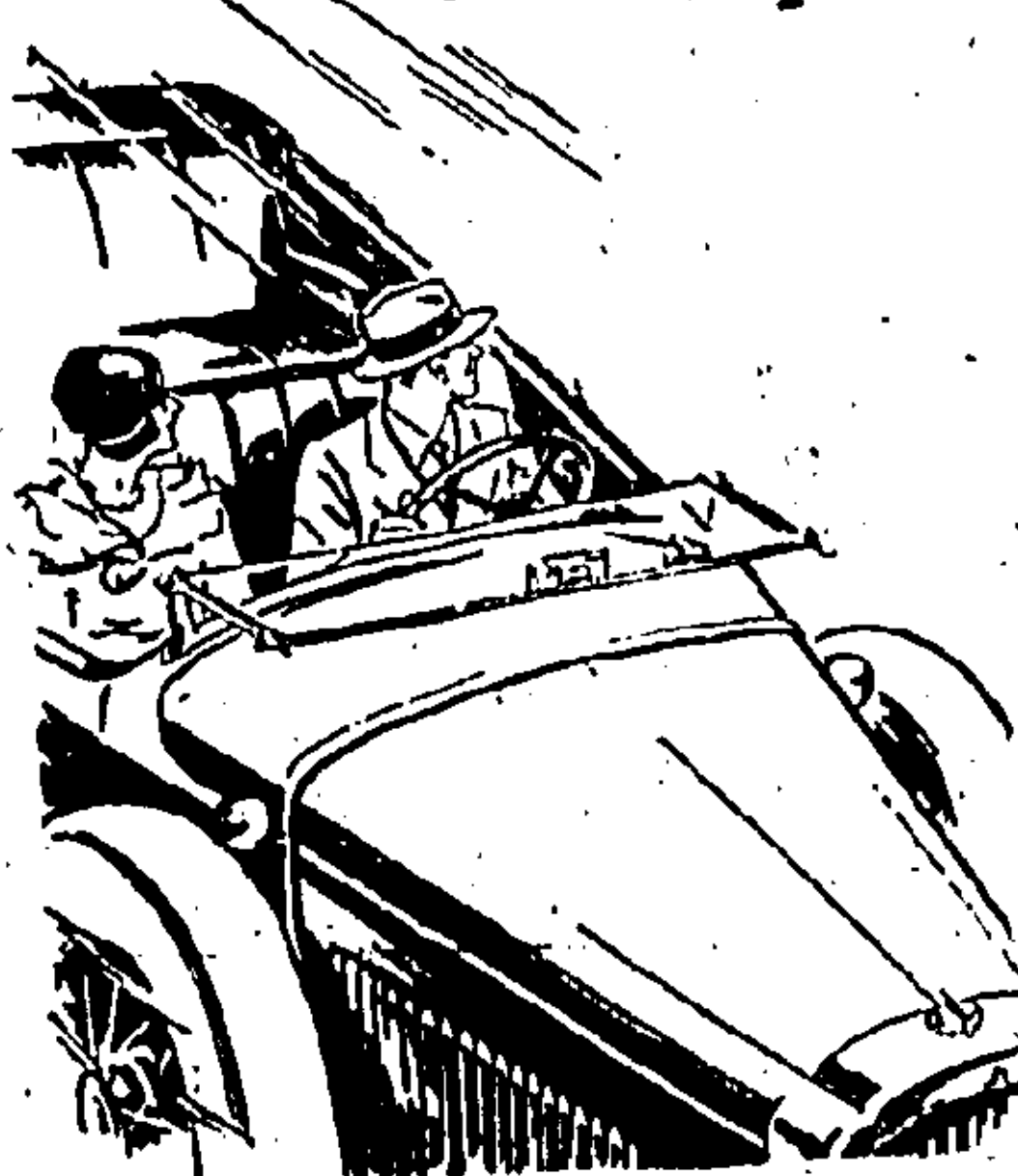
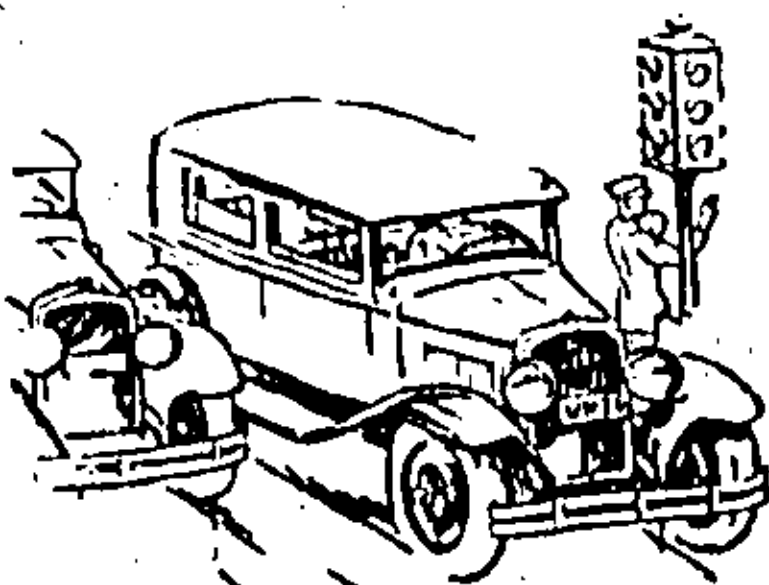
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The great adventure of linking the Old and New Worlds with a commercial airline is at hand. Contracts for mail carrying will shortly be advertised from London and Washington. The scheme, as outlined in present plans, would have seemed fantastic even to the most far-sighted economists and transportation experts a decade ago, writes Leo A. Kieran. But indications point toward the time soon when aeroplanes will be roaring on regular schedule over the Atlantic via Bermuda and the Azores, under the present plan outlined by Pan-American Airways and Imperial Airways, Ltd.

The step between the first flight over the Atlantic and the possibility of regular commercial service with profitable payloads has been long. For when Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, then Captain, lurched on the runway the misty dawn on that May morning in 1927, bounded into the air by sheer inertia and gradually evolved his course into a graceful arc on the Great Circle course, to land in Paris the next evening. But one, his plane was much over-loaded, and the load consisted of fuel for the trip. Since that time the North Atlantic has been flown many times, but to commercialize the project the operators have had to devise some means whereby the combined pay and useful loads will be in greater proportion to the flying masses than the fuel load carried in the Spirit of St. Louis on its non-stop flight.

Longest Water-Hop Crossing Seems Feasible.

Faced with the seriousness of the problems of installing regular trans-Atlantic air service and the knowledge that one failure would destroy the effect of many successful voyages, the heads of the proposed operating companies proceeded to experiment with great care on other long flights over water with commercial loads.

The new route of Pan-American Airways is from Cienfuegos, Cuba, 447 miles over water to Kingston, Jamaica, and thence 662 miles over water to Cristobal, the longest non-stop airline in the world. It brings the Canal Zone within two days travel from the United States. This division of the company has served as the flying physical laboratory for other routes and the pioneering work necessary to the establishment of service on long flights over water has been done by the airline in the twice weekly service in both directions, according to Juan T. Trippie, president.

The equipment on the line is considered the most elaborate of any airline yet operated. In addition to the flying boats, an interlocking system of radio control has been established and emergency training of the crew has been carried out to the final detail so that nothing has been left to chance or the human element, Mr. Trippie said recently.

A fleet of Consolidated Command flying boats is used on the flight. With a full ten hours cruising range at 100 miles an hour, each plane has a loading capacity of 1,200 pounds in addition to the full crew and marine equipment. The 662-mile flight southbound requires six hours, but the reverse route, against the prevailing north-northeast wind, takes an hour longer between Cristobal and Kingston, according to the averages made in the first few months of operation. Both passengers and mail are carried.

Operations Procedure Distinctly Different.

The operations procedure is distinctly different from other airlines in so far as the pilots, crews and radio men are all specially trained for their specific tasks. Mr. Trippie pointed out that the ordinary rules for cross-country flying do not apply on the long over-water flights. A hybrid system of operations and control, taken from marine experiences and aerial performances of the

past, is used and dovetailed with the detailed network of ground control by radio.

Marine weather charts over a period of years covering the open sea of the Caribbean were carefully studied and this was supplemented by a study of the upper air strata along the route made on several test flights. Radio compasses were installed at several ground stations, one at Colon and one at La Fe, Cuba. These instruments can check the position of the planes accurately within a range of 250 miles and, in addition, the planes carry direction-finding loops for work out of range or on the surface of the water if they should be forced down.

The pilots assigned to the line are specially trained and are all ex-military fliers. The crews have been recruited from the naval ranks and each man has been further trained as a sailor to handle the large flying boats on the surface of the water. The canvas engine covers are so made that they can be converted into sails if necessary and the planes carry water and extra rations for emergencies.

Constant communication between plane and radio station is kept open during flights. Each station has three ranges. The range of station and plane alike carries from 250 miles on short waves to an emergency wave of 3,700 miles.

Training the Pilots in Position Plotting.

In navigation further special training has been given to the personnel. When out of range of the radio compasses, the navigators of the planes follow advanced aerial navigation procedure, including plotting of positions from celestial observations and converting navigators' tables to varying altitudes. While principal reliance is placed on the radio and frequent reports are broadcast to ground stations en route, dead reckoning, and other forms of navigation are used continually by pilots, and accurate reports turned in to the office at the conclusion of each flight.

The radio equipment on the planes can be changed from short to long wave sets in one minute by a specially built system of plug-in coils. A wave of 34.5 meters is kept in reserve for emergency and a 52.7 meter length wave is used for communication up to 1,000 miles.

Before each flight weather reports are assembled by radio from the various meteorological stations operated by the company in the area, and during the flight the planes collect radio reports from surface ships or other aeroplanes along the route.

The company report shows that planes have kept in constant communication with the radio bases since the first trip over the line some months ago.

To Have Central "Nervous" System.

While the ground stations and direction finders are operated to provide bearings, the flying boats, through the use of direction finding loops built into their radio apparatus, may obtain compass bearings from marine stations and ships along the course through long wave adapters. A direction finder is in the course of installation at Kingston which will be operative in all four directions to cover the entire course at its centre.

It is from the research and experience gained in the operation of the 1,100-mile route with one stop that the company hopes to collect sufficient data to demonstrate the feasibility of establishing trans-Atlantic services. The weather between New York and Bermuda is admittedly an obstacle and the present plans call for a supplementary terminal on the Atlantic seaboard further south which may be used during the winter months and when fog and ice preclude flights to this city. Exchange.

FORD AIR MAIL.

Between Madrid and
the Canary Isles.

14 HOURS FLIGHT.

Oversea air mail service between Madrid, the capital of Spain, and the Canary Islands, Spanish possessions in the South Atlantic, has just been successfully inaugurated with a Ford transport land plane, according to reports received by the Ford Motor Company.

The advent of the new service was hailed by Spanish newspapers as an outstanding event in Spanish aviation, reducing as it does the travel time between the Spanish peninsula and the Canary Islands by many hours and closely linking the island possessions to the kingdom.

The route of the Ford transport on its flight to and from the islands carried the plane over the brooding Spanish Sahara, with a long jump over water to Las Palmas and Santa Cruz de Tenerife. The outboard flight with stops for fuel at Casablanca and Cabo Juby, required 14 hours.

On its return flight, the party of officials who inaugurated the service, including Cesar Gomez, director of Classa Air Lines, and Ernesto Navarro, technical advisor of the National Aeronautical Bureau, participated for three days in the search of the Sahara for the Spanish military pilots Burgette and Nunez, who had been forced down in the desert.

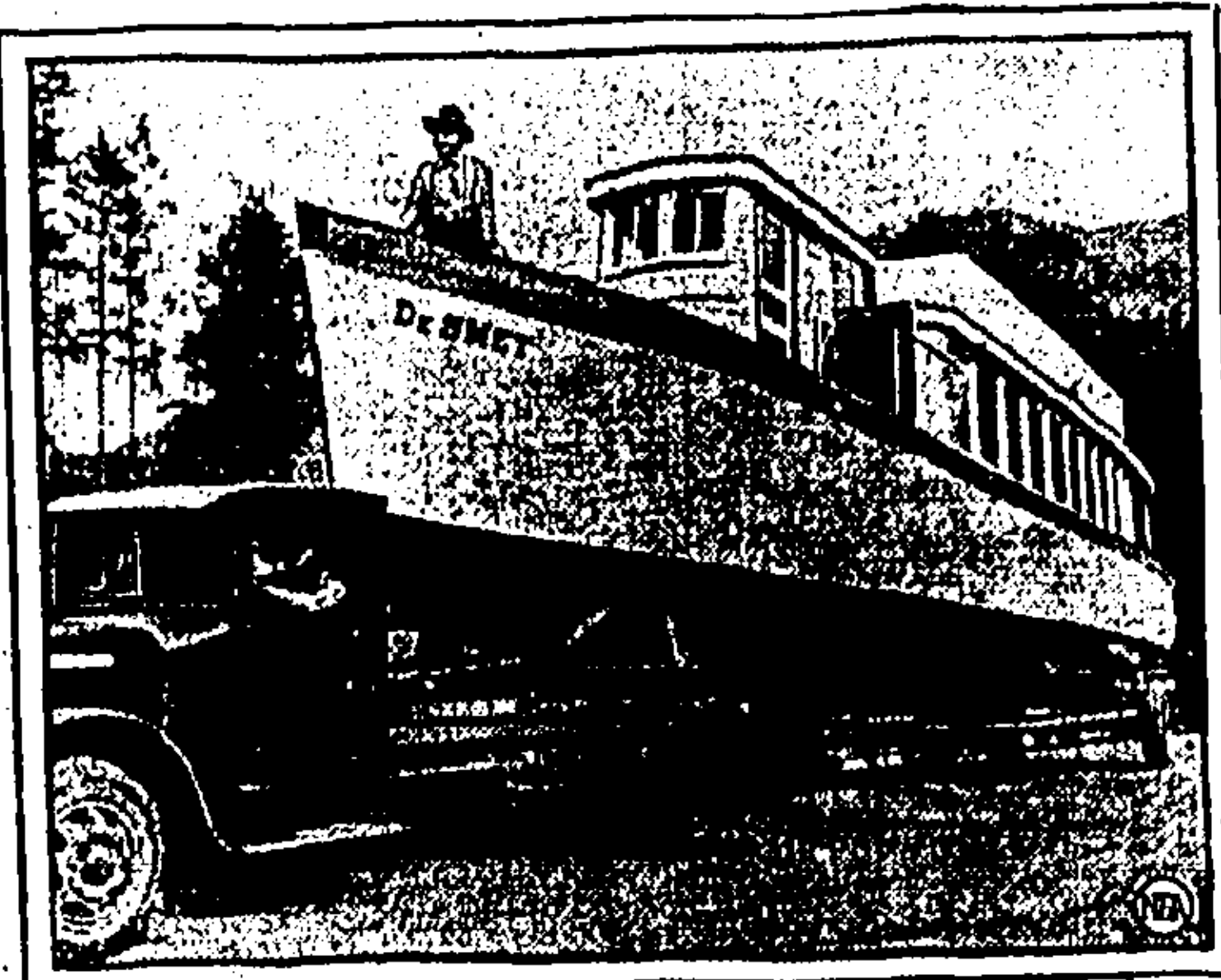
Throughout the difficult flights over the desert and despite the terrible heat the plane's three Wright J-6 motors functioned perfectly, the pilots Ansaldo and Soriano, reported following the return of the party to Madrid. The plane, being equipped with radio, was in constant communication with the Spanish military base at Cabo Juby during the flights.

Upon his return to Madrid Pilot Ansaldo reported that in the round trip flight between Madrid and the Canary Islands and the flights over the desert in search of the lost aviators the plane had flown 8,000 kilometers, approximately 5,000 miles, with perfect performance.

The inaugural flight in the Ford plane, which the Classa line had operated in regular service between Madrid, Seville, and Barcelona, was preliminary to the regular operation of the service between Spain and the Canaries with amphibian planes. The service at first will be weekly but later it is planned to put it on a daily basis.

A gathering of distinguished Spanish civil officials, including Minister of the Interior, Matus, participated in the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of the service when the plane departed from Madrid. Large crowds greeted the plane and its party at both Las Palmas and Santa Cruz de Tenerife. The plane carried in addition to the pilots and the official party two mechanics, a radio operator, large consignments of mail and bundles of the Madrid newspaper "La Vanguardia."

MOTOR BOAT OVER ROCKIES.



Boats climb waves, but they're out of place when it comes to climbing the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains. This one, 60 feet long and 12-foot beam, was built in Kallispell, Mont., and had to be hauled across the mountains, around horseshoe curves and up steep ascents, before it could be delivered to its owner on Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park. A special truck trailer had to be built for it.

LOOKING AHEAD.

50,000,000 New Cars in
Next Ten Years.

UNIVERSAL USE.

Detroit, Mar.—The gloomy experience of the last 16 months in business has led automobile manufacturers to feel their way cautiously out of the depression. So cautious are they that they dare not even venture an opinion of what the prospects for next month may be, let alone the coming year.

Yet there is one bold and venturesome prognosticator among them—one who offers facts and figures covering the automobile industry's prospects not only for 1931, but the next 10 years. And he paints a more glorious picture, although designed along quite conservative and sober lines, than the industry has seen even in the best of its past years.

The daring prophet is John W. Scoville, chief statistician for the Chrysler Corporation. Scoville has made a detailed study of the trend of automotive production and sales, of population, of general business conditions, and of the relationship between automotive sales to population from 1920 on. As a result, here's his forecast:

"1. The trend of automobile sales will be upward in 1931 and production in 1931 will be somewhat greater than in 1930.

"2. The number of motor vehicles produced in the United States in the next decade will be over 50,000,000.

"3. The number of cars in use at the end of 1940 will be about 32,350,000.

Money in "Service."

"4. By 1940 the servicing of automobiles in use will be a business with a volume of over a billion and a quarter dollars a year.

"5. Nineteen thirty-two will show the largest production of automobiles in the history of the industry with the possible exception of 1929.

"6. In the next decade we will witness in the United States a production in some years in excess of 7,000,000 vehicles.

"7. The automobile business will in the future years make a greater contribution to our industrial activity than it has ever done in the past.

Most interesting are these predictions that place total production for the next decade at 50,000,000 cars, the number of cars in use in 1940 at 32,350,000 and the new record for annual automotive production at 7,000,000. They are interesting because of the desire of manufacturers at present to keep their production closely paralleling the sales of their products, and just a conservative step ahead.

To Reach Normal in Fall.

Looking over the periodic rise and decline of automotive production and sales in the last 10 years, Scoville sees the movement continue toward a slight rise in sales this year from its present position below normal, with final arrival at the normal level in September. And 1932, he adds, should be above normal most of the year.

That there is considerably more room for auto sales in this country and abroad, despite the perennial bugaboo of saturation, is Scoville's opinion, after observing the greater use of automobiles among farmers, while a great proportion are still confined to the big cities.

"I believe that the number of automobiles in use per 1,000 which has steadily increased in this country, will continue to increase

in the next decade and will rise from 195 cars per 1,000 people in 1930 to 228 cars per 1,000 people in 1940."

Why More Auto Owners.

Scoville draws this conclusion from the following considerations:

"1. The desire to own an automobile is almost universal.

"2. The young people who are coming of age have already acquired the automobile habit.

"3. A person who has once driven an automobile rarely abandons the habit except as a matter of dire economic necessity.

"4. The proportion of old cars which can be bought for a small sum has been increasing each year and is likely to increase for a number of years to come.

"5. The continued expansion of paved roads will result in increased automobile ownership.

"6. More families are being educated to the advantages of multiple car ownership.

"7. Neither airplanes nor any other contrivance appears likely to displace the automobile as a convenient and economical means of transportation."

Won't Recognize Saturation.

Then, Scoville adds: "When we do finally hit the saturation point, it will be like passing through the tail of a comet—no one will realize that anything is happening. A saturated condition will arrive gradually and imperceptibly, and after saturation has arrived, production will be greater than ever."

Most production hereafter will be for replacement of older automobiles, the statistician says. The used car problem will be less of a problem by 1940, he adds, when there will be 10,000,000 "used car transfers" in a year.

"From 8,000 to 10,000 cars wear out daily," he points out. "Used cars will soon become more scarce. Used car prices will rise, trading will increase and new car output will rise."

"There is an enormous market for used cars as nearly half of the families in the country do not yet own an automobile."

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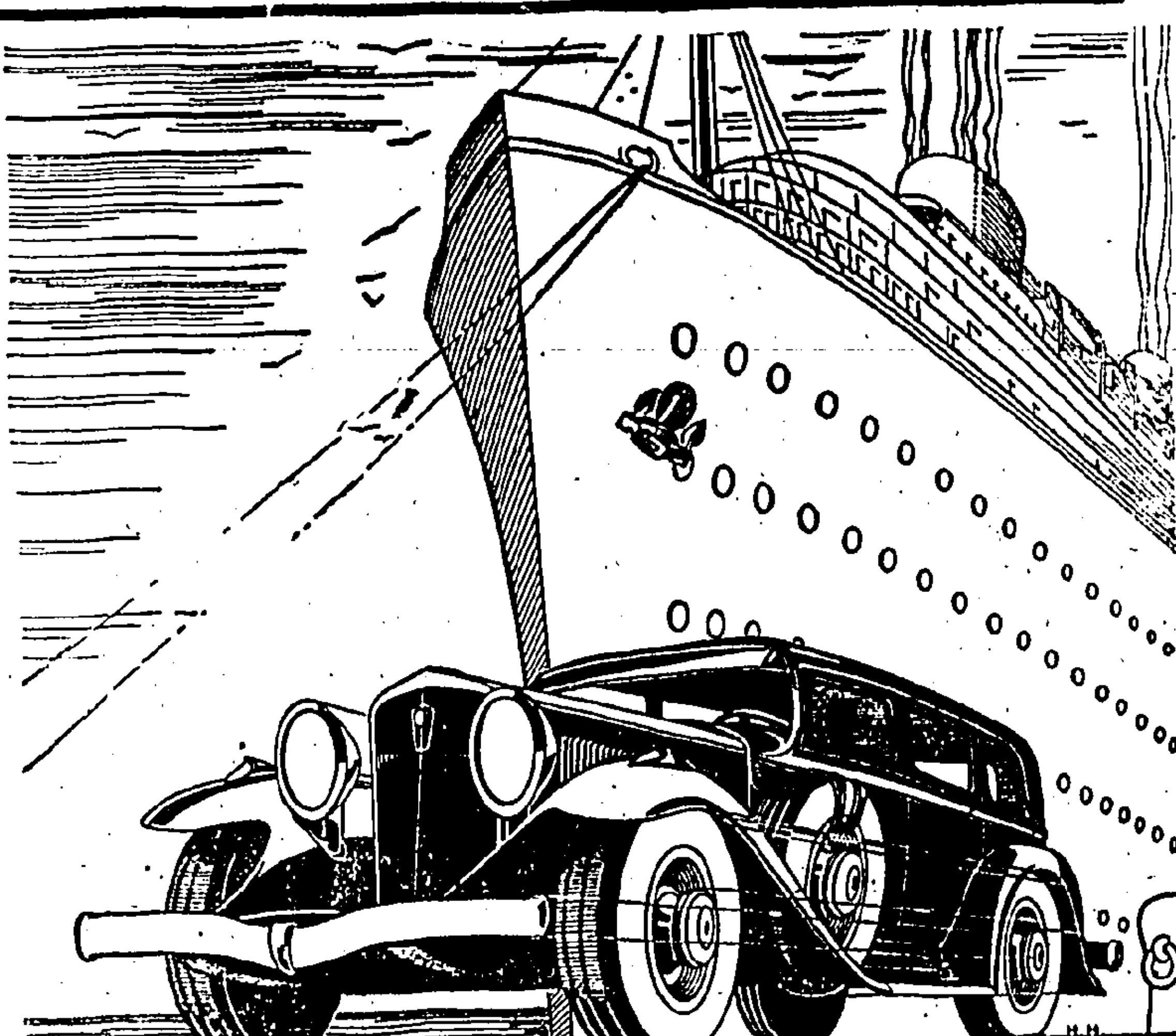
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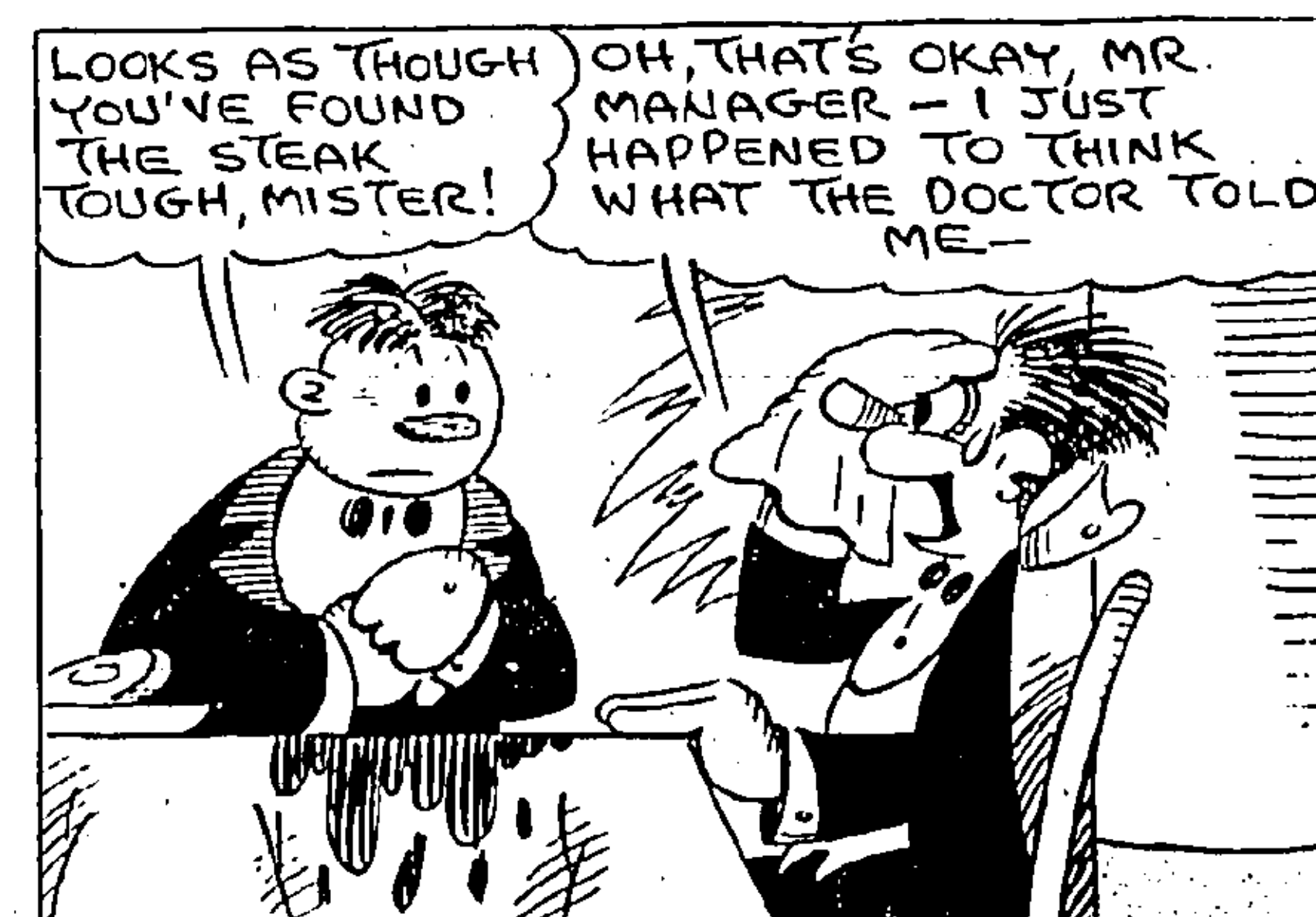
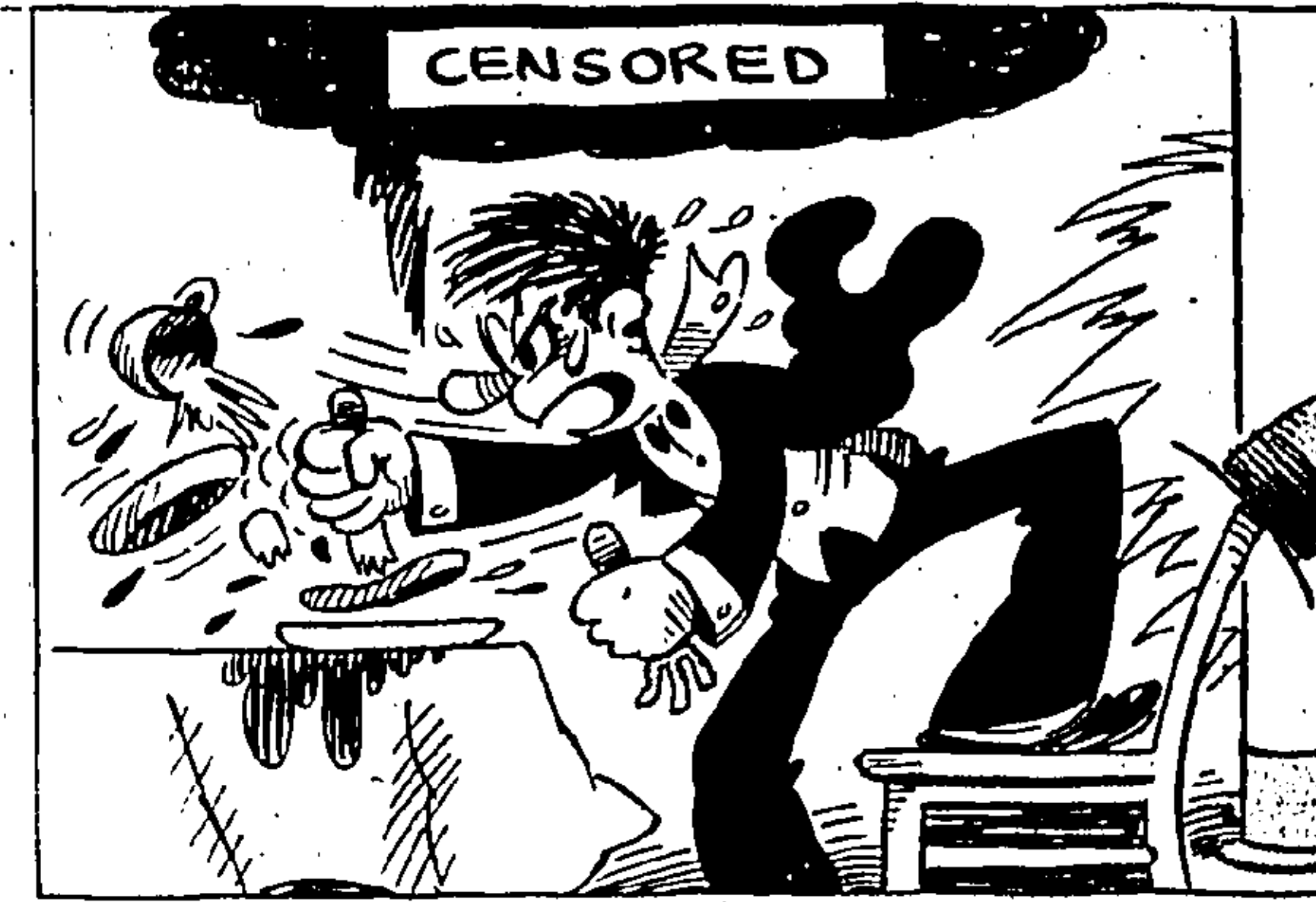
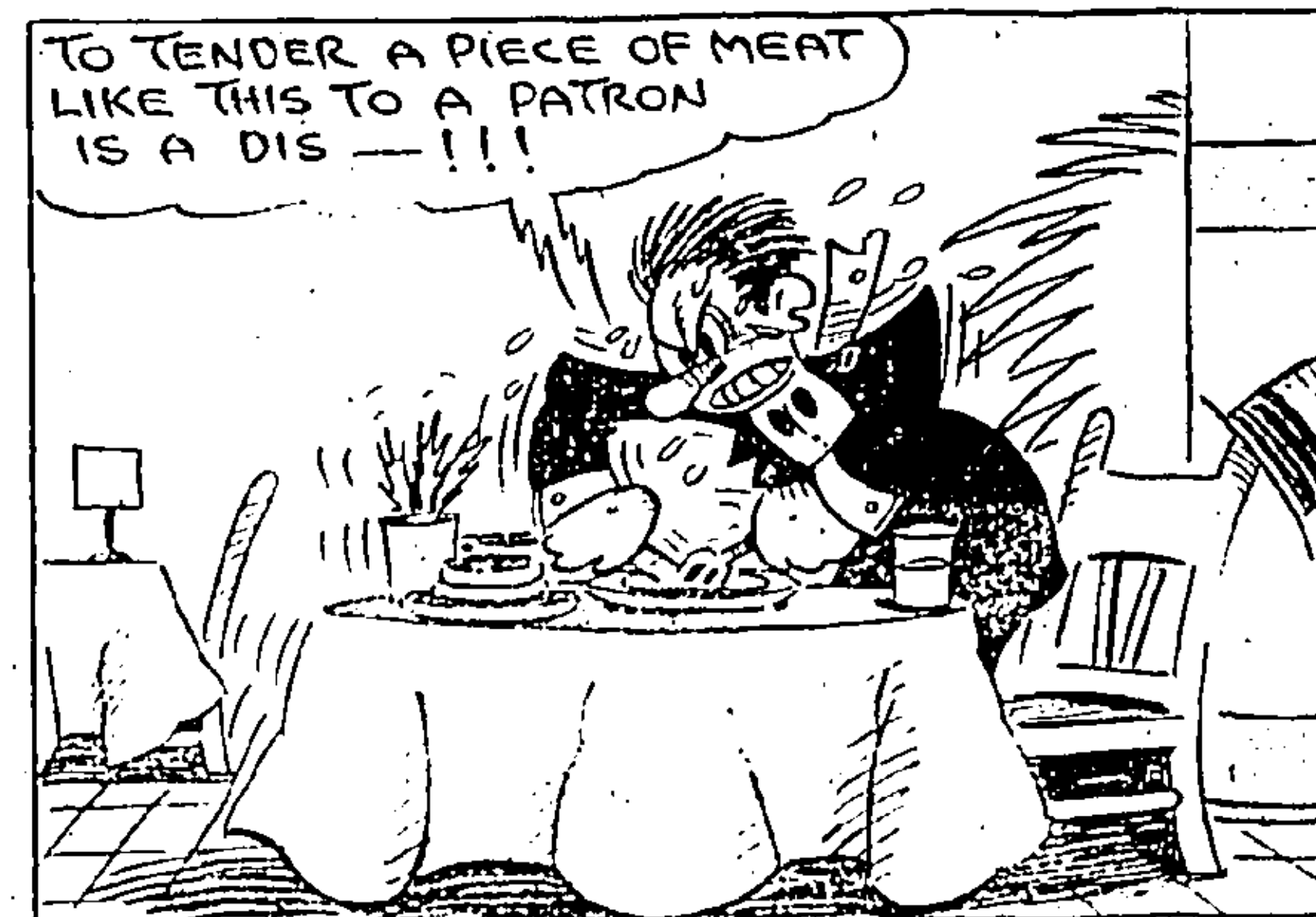
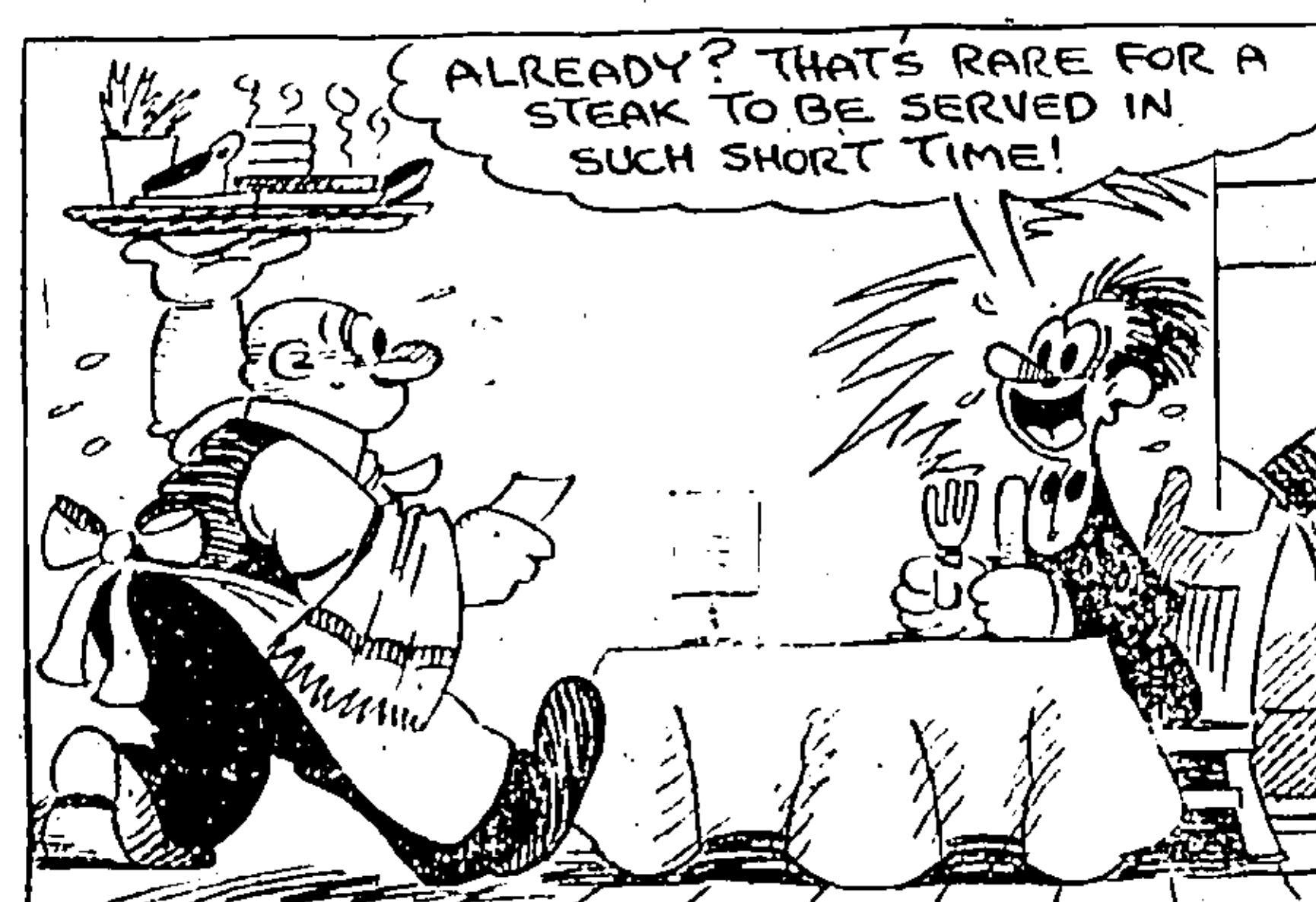
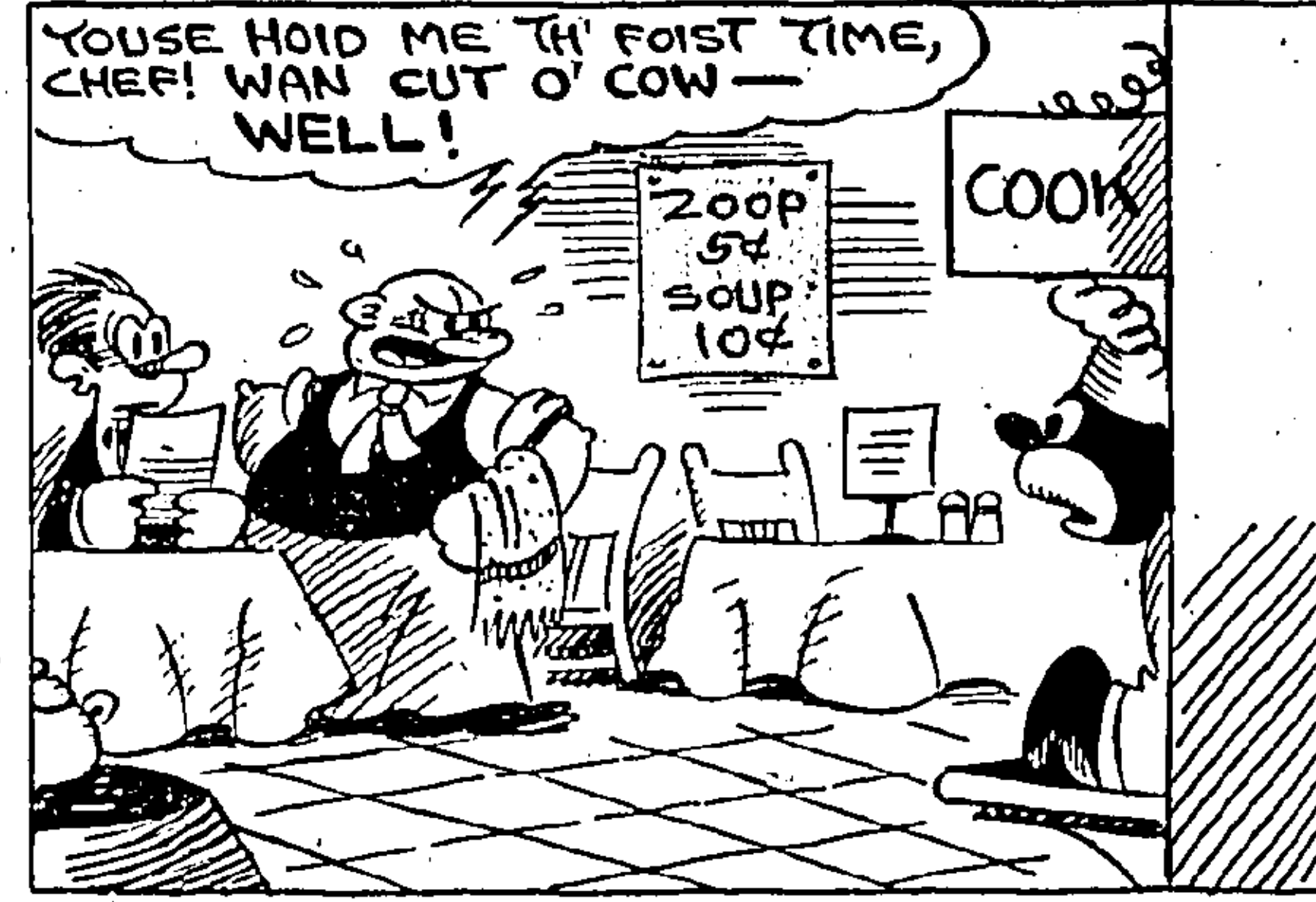
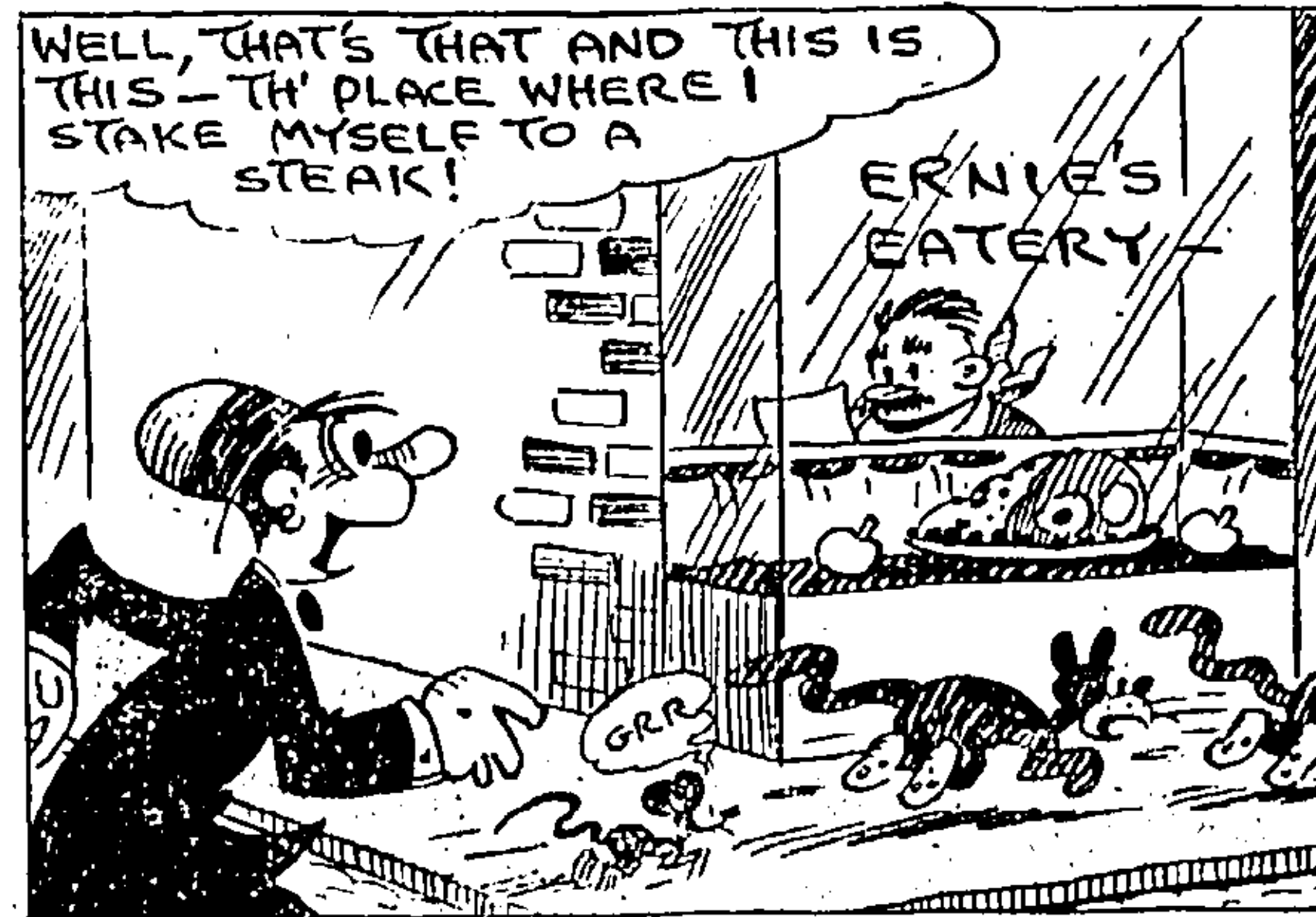
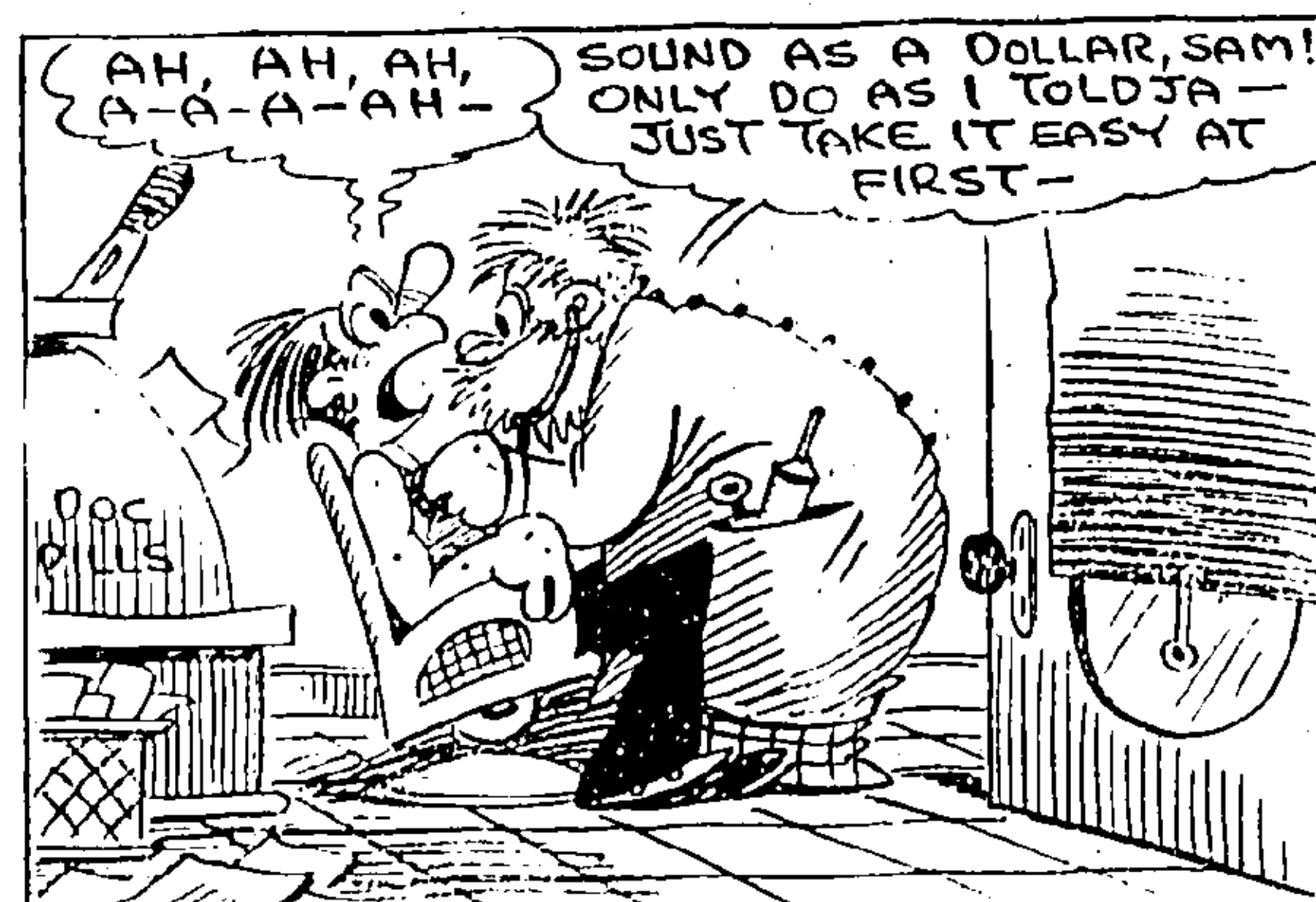
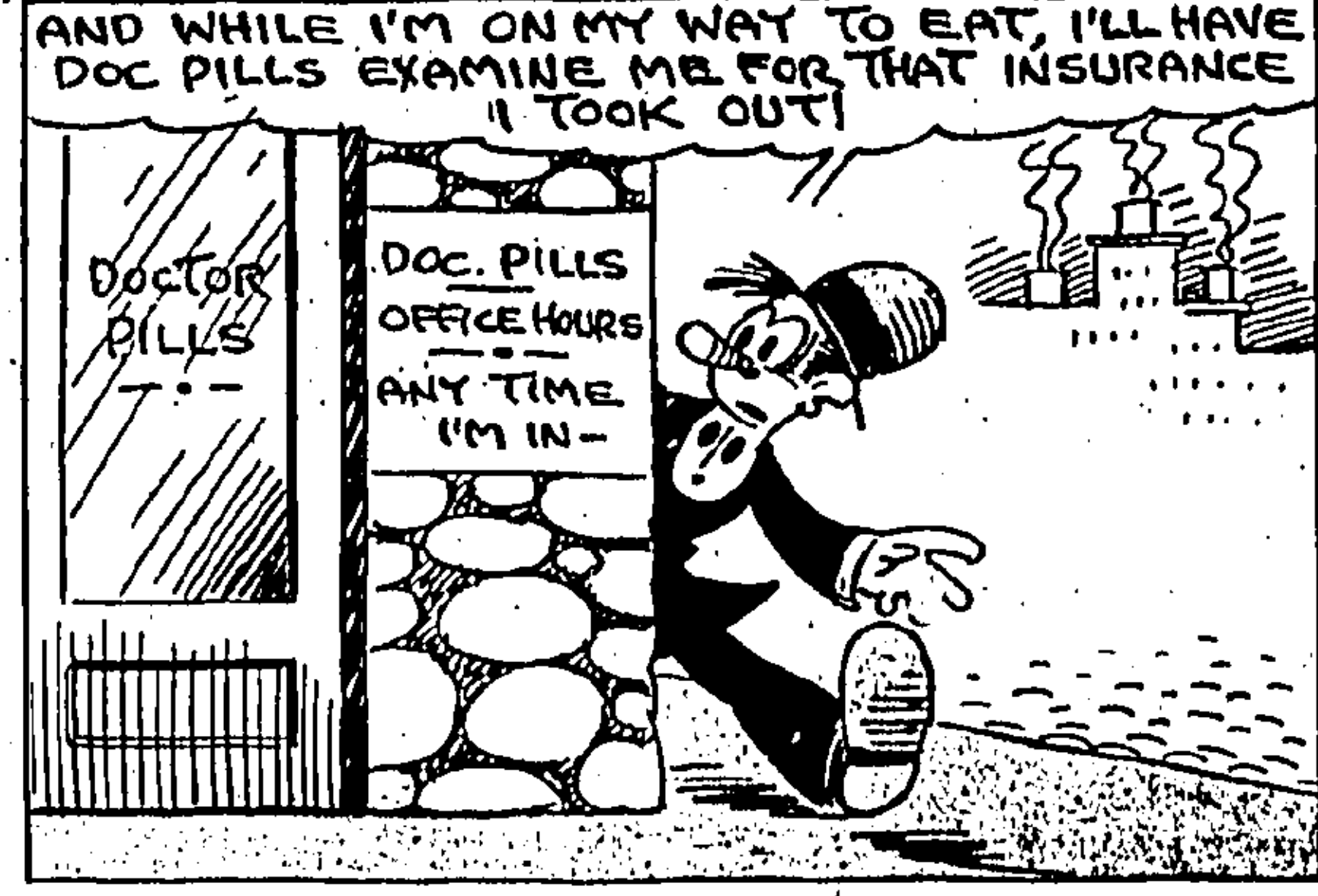
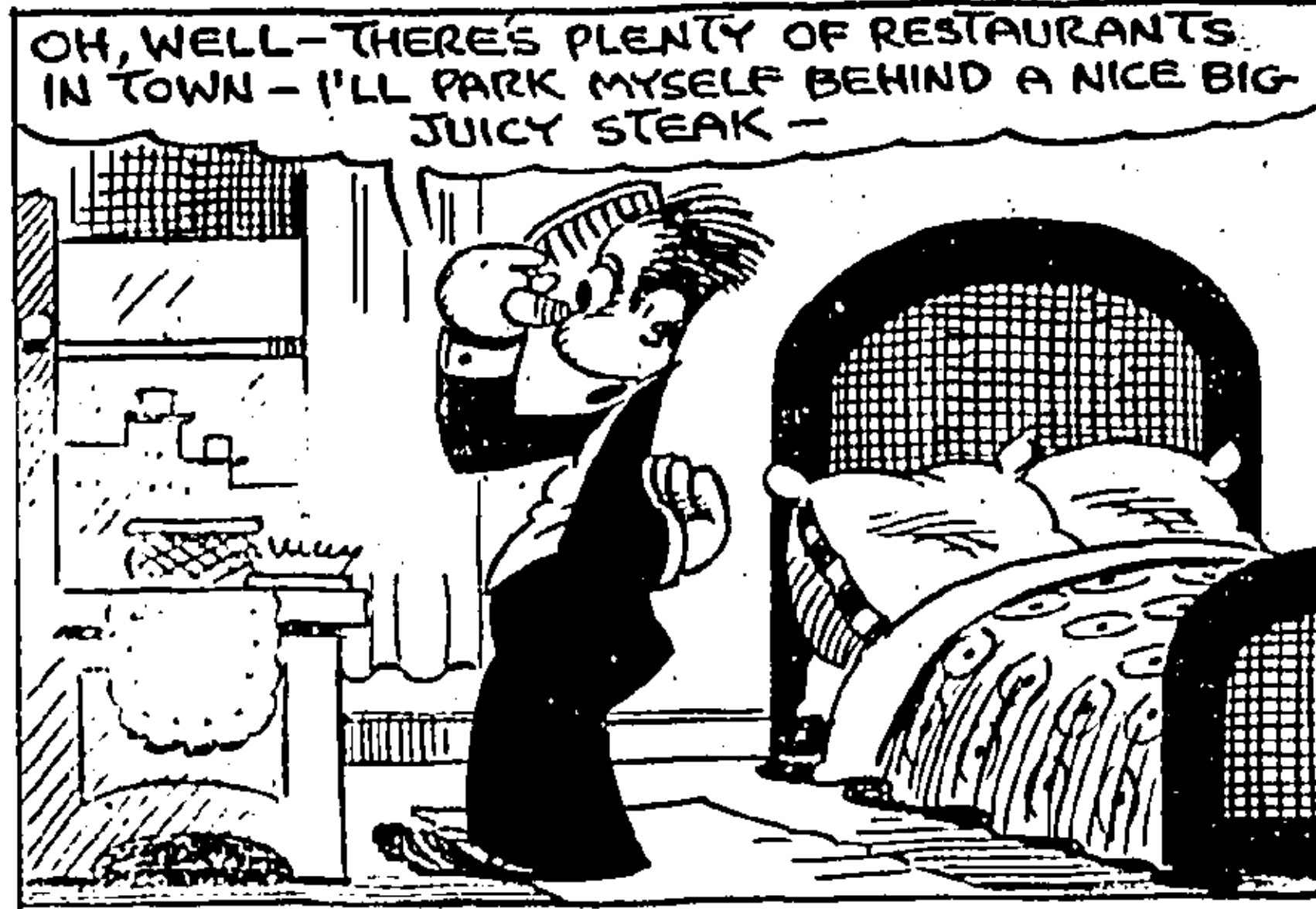
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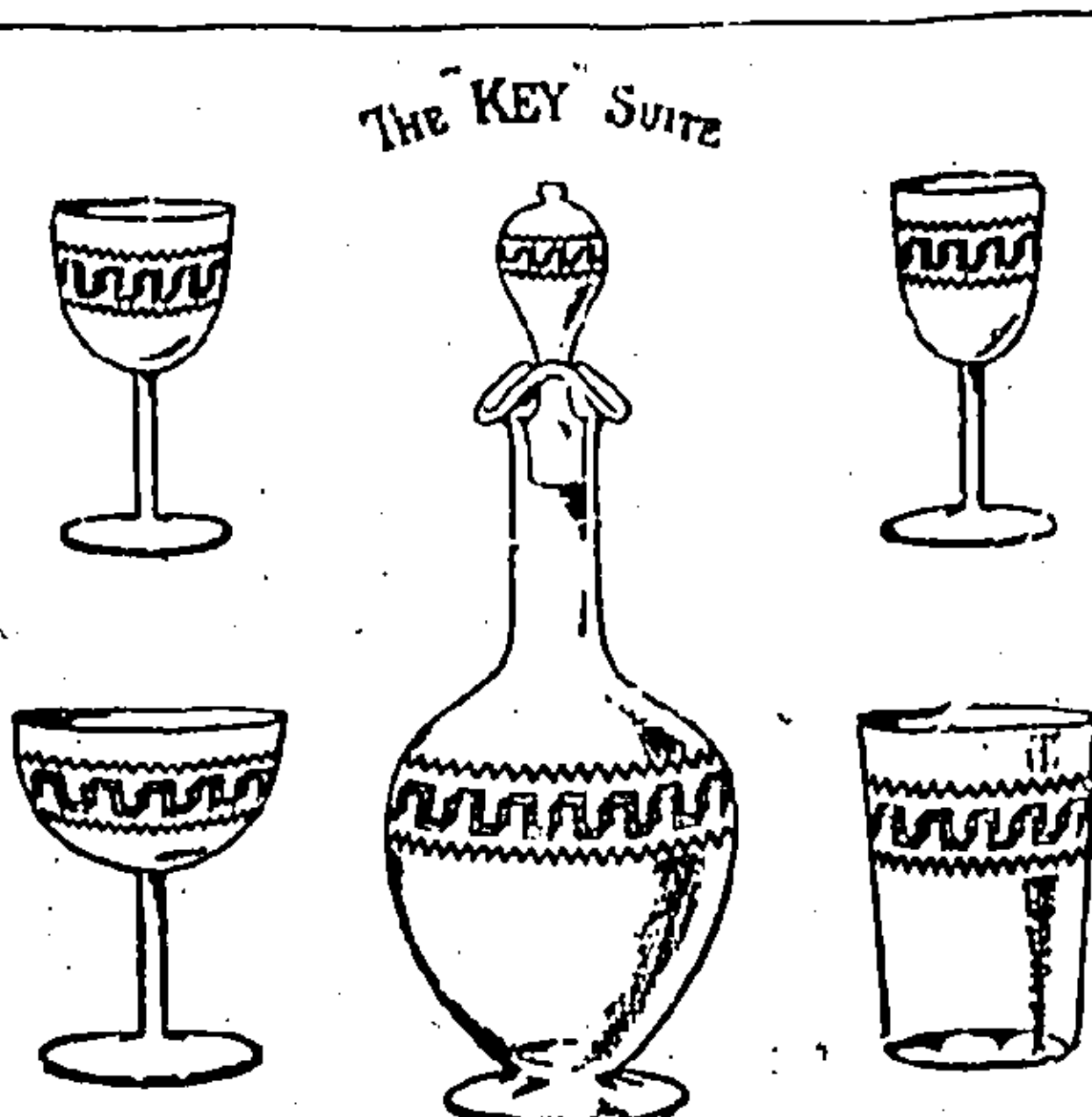
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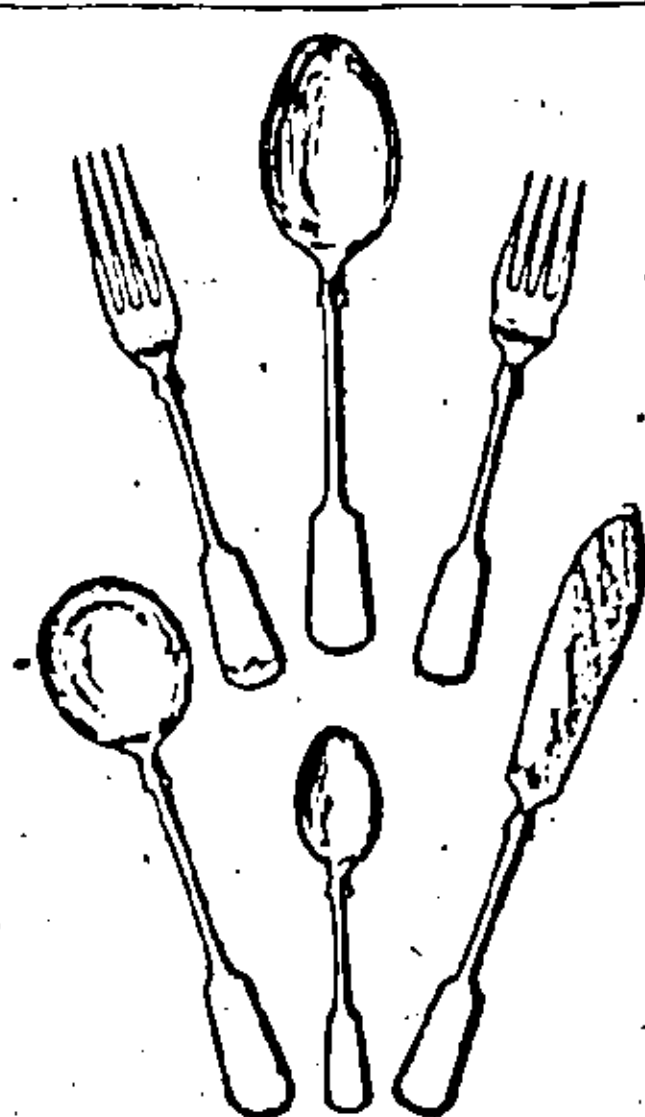
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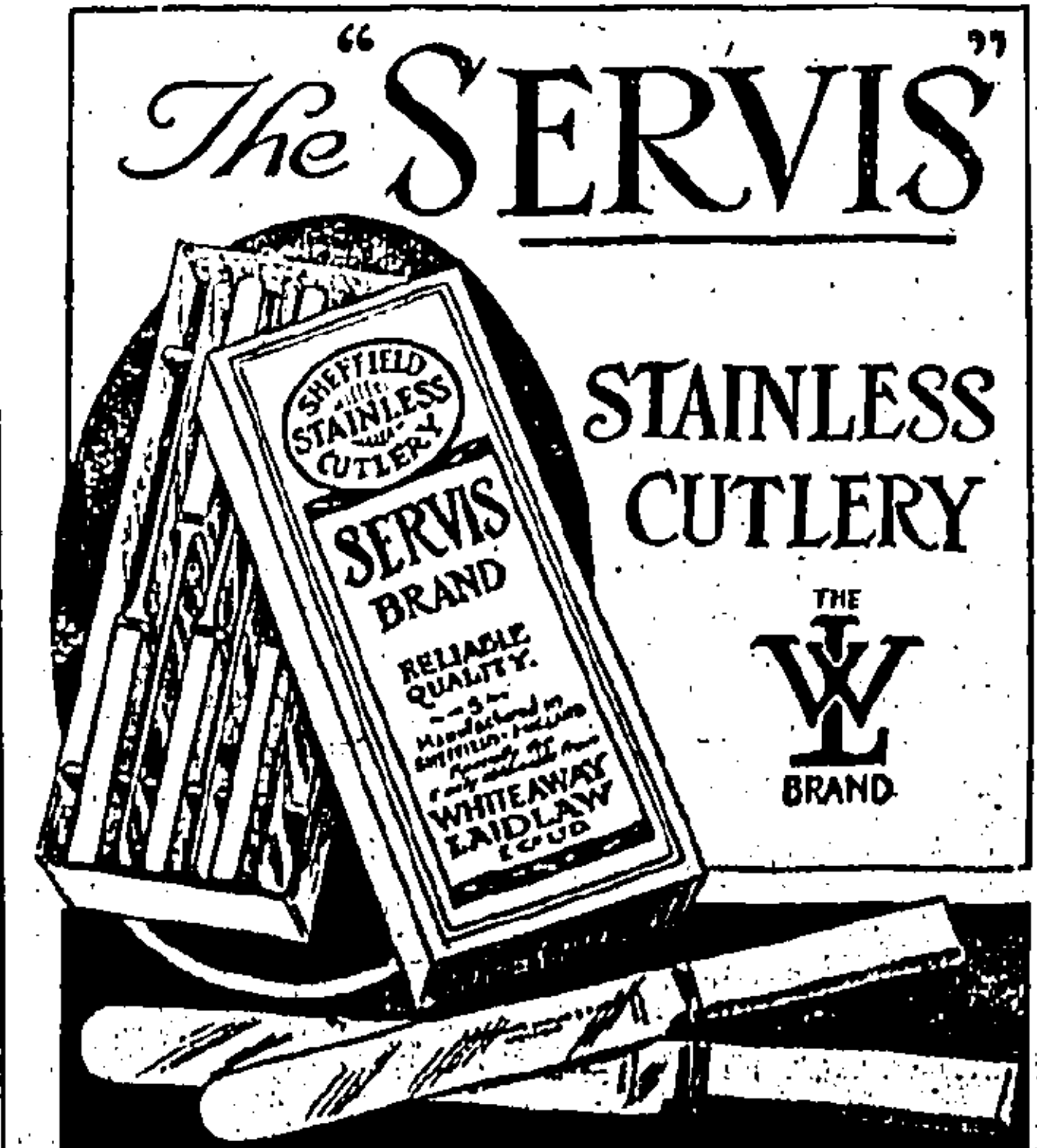
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AFTER SEVENTEEN YEARS.

"JIMMY" STEWART LEAVES FOR HOME.

KEEN SPORTSMAN.

After having spent 17 years in Hongkong, during which time he has identified himself with many phases of sport, particularly swimming and soccer, Mr. James Stewart, the popular secretary of the V.R.C., left for home by the s.s. Rajputana to-day. He will be accompanied by his wife and the best wishes of all their numerous friends will go with them for many years of happiness.

Mr. Stewart arrived in Hongkong on July 9, 1914, to join Taikoo Dock, and from that date until the present time he has continued his employment there. Having been in the Territorial at Home, prior to his departure, Mr. Stewart was called upon during the month following his arrival, when war was declared, and throughout the four years of strife his services were used as an engineer in Hongkong. He has been a member of the Volunteer Defence Corps for over ten years being first a Corporal in the Engineers and later transferring to the Scottish Company as a private. He subsequently rose to the rank of corporal in this Company.

His enthusiasm for swimming was evidenced by the fact that one of the first things he did on arrival here was to join the V.R.C., and inasmuch as he has been a member during the whole of his stay in Hongkong, and has served in official positions, the work he has done for this Club can, perhaps, be styled as his best known work. He has served on the Club Committee, has been Secretary for two years, filling this position until the annual meeting about a fortnight ago, and Treasurer for three years. In addition, he has performed the duties of Secretary and coach to the Hongkong Amateur Swimmers' Association. He was Vice-Captain of the Interport swimming side which visited Shanghai in 1922 and has played water polo for the V.R.C. for 15 years, being still a playing member at the date of his departure.

Mr. Stewart's keenness for swimming was by no means confined to the above as he gave much instruction to learners and spared no pains to give the best of his experienced advice to all those who sought it. He holds the highest possible award from the Royal Life Saving Society of England, this being the diploma and badge which were presented to him by Mr. W. Logan, when presiding at the annual meeting which was held recently.

His activities in the realm of sport were not confined entirely to aquatics. Football was another game he will be remembered for. He started playing for the Club in 1914 when he arrived, and up to the date of his departure was still a playing member. He had the honour of captaining the first Interport side to visit Shanghai after the war, in 1923, while he was chosen as a member of the interport team in 1924, 1925, and 1926. Mr. Stewart also played hockey for the Club for three years, and was no mean opponent at golf, being runner-up in the Happy Valley Senior Championship for two years in succession, and he has also succeeded in winning the Adamson Cup.

As a Freemason, Mr. Stewart has held every Masonic Chair of the Scottish Constitution locally. These include Past Master of Lodge Eastern Scotin, Past Master of St. Andrew's Chapter, Past M. E. C. and Past T. I. M. of St. Andrew's Chapter, and Past M. W. S. of the Phoenix Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix No. 17. He was also past treasurer of the District Grand Lodge.

With the regretted departure of Mr. Stewart, the V.R.C. particularly will feel the loss of a capable and energetic official, who commanded the respect and affection of all those who came into contact with him. He has had much to do with the successes which have attended the night fetes, and some of his work is seen to-day, reflected in the flourishing condition of the Club. Mr. Stewart is yet a young man, being only 35 years of age, and he hopes to be able to identify himself with swimming activities in the Home-land. At the Club's annual meeting, Mr. Stewart was elected as an Honorary Life Member as a mark of courtesy, and the honour was thoroughly deserved and met with popular approval.

Alexander Shmeonoff, a stowaway on board the s.s. President Lincoln from Shanghai, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. In reply to a question by Mr. Hamilton, a police sergeant stated that the President's boats carried first-class and steerage passengers, to which Mr. Hamilton remarked, "I wonder where they have room for all the stowaways they bring us."

CHARITY SOCCER.

ATHLETICS WIN OVER CANTON TEAM.

Canton, Apr. 24. An interesting football match was played here yesterday when a combined team consisting of players from Shamshien Football Club and H.M.S. Semey met the Hongkong China Athletic on the police training ground before a crowd of 5,000 spectators. The match was arranged by Admiral Chan Chak in aid of the Canton Orphanage at Fati, the prices of admission ranging from \$10.00 to \$1.00. The teams lined up at 4.30 p.m. and were presented to Admiral Chan Chak who set the ball in motion.

From the kick-off the foreigners were soon attacking the Athletic goal, and for the first fifteen minutes completely dominated the game. From a well placed pass from Ashby, at left half, which dropped in front of goal, Pote-Hunt headed for goal. Wong Yung-shing cleared weakly for Gerard, who sent in a first timer which left him guessing. Shortly after taking the lead, the foreigners had the misfortune to lose Ashby, who in a mix-up with two Chinese received a sprained knee and had to leave the field. The Athletic, getting into their stride, forced the game into their opponents' half with a well combined forward movement, Sun Kam-shun sending in a stinging shot that brought Stirling to his knees. Leung Tat Wing rushed in and tapped the ball into an open goal. Encouraged by their success the Athletic continued to press when Mak Kwok-tung on the right wing handled in taking a pass and paused in expectation of the whistle, which did not sound. He centred to Tso Kwai-sing who scored from what appeared an offside position, the referee ignoring the subsequent appeal. The half-time whistle sounded with the Athletic one goal in the lead.

Following the change-over, the foreigners were again well to the fore and were unfortunate in not scoring on several occasions during the early stages. Then their lack of training told its inevitable tale, and they fell away badly, the Athletic taking full advantage of their opportunities by adding two more goals to win by 4 goals to 1.

Taking into consideration the fact that the foreigners had never played together as a team before, also that they lost a valuable half-back in the first half of the match, the game they put up against their highly trained opponents was a very creditable one.

At the conclusion of the match Madame Chan Chak presented the winning team with a special trophy donated by her husband, the respective Captains calling for three cheers in her honour, which were heartily given. The following teams were lined up under Au Kit Sang:—

Chinese Athletic:—Wong Yung-shing; Lai Yuk-tai, Leung Yau-tung; Lim Yuk-yang, Wong Sui-wah, Ho Cho-yin; Leung Tat-wing, Lee Hung-ching, Sun Kam-shun, Tso Kwai-sing, Mak Kwok-tung. Foreigners:—Stirling; Nogaitzik, McHutchin; Ashby, Kasmussen, Mencheur; Hutchins, Cardy, Gerard, Pote-Hunt, Reimer.—Our Own Correspondence.

MEI LAN-FANG IN MACAO.

KEENLY INTERESTED IN "TALKIES."

Macao, Apr. 23. Macao welcomed the well-known Chinese actor, Mei Lan-fang, yesterday, and a delegation of Chinese residents met him at his arrival from Hongkong. The famous actor, who is accompanied by Mr. Y. C. J. Huang, Secretary of the United Photoplay Service, Ltd., of Hongkong and Shanghai, is said to be interested in the development of the "talkies" as the means for giving expression to the Chinese drama, and his visit to South China has been undertaken primarily with the object of studying conditions, prior to proceeding with the enterprise.

At Macao, Mei Lan-fang was entertained to luncheon by Mr. Wong Yee-chiu, chairman of the Macao Amusements, Ltd., after which the actor and many friends, among whom were Mr. Wong Yee-chiu, Mr. Hee Cheong, Mr. S. W. Cheng, and Mr. L. M. Wong, paid a visit to Chung Shan District.

A courtesy call was paid at Tong Kin to Mr. Tong Shao-ye, the visitor. After visiting Choi Hang, Dr. Sun Yat-sun's native village, and other interesting places in the district, Mr. Mei Lan-fang and party returned to Macao. At Macao the Chinese actor called on His Excellency Governor Oliveira, and later embarked on the Venezia for Hongkong to-day.—Our Own Correspondence.

LOCAL RADIO.

PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY AND SATURDAY.

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. H. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres to-day is as follows:—
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Song-Less Than The Dust (Woodford-Pinder).
Edgar Coyle (Baritone). 1664.
String Quartet-Ave Verum (Mozart).
String Quartet-Traumerei (Schumann).
Cathedral String Quartet. 50062.

Song-Brownie-Cradle Song (Ellis and Holbrook).
Doris Vane (Soprano). 1X78.
Violin Solo-Orientele (Cui).
Efrem Zimbalist, M181.

Song-Columbia's Garden (Bowdoin and Bowley).
Song-Little Lady Of The Moon (Weatherly and Coates).
Hubert Esland (Tenor). 5212.
8.00 p.m. Local Time. Weather Report, etc.

8.05-8.32 p.m. Orchestral.
La Cui D'O' Russian Dance (Rimsky-Korsakov).
La Cui D'O' Russian Procession (Rimsky-Korsakov).
Sensitiva-Overture (Rossini).
British Broadcasting Co.'s Wireless Symphony Orch. 50021-D.
Prince Igor (Borodine).
Symphony "Antar" (Rimsky-Korsakov).

Sir Thomas Beecham and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. 51030-D.
8.32-9.02 p.m. Operatic.
Carmen-Ballet Music (Bizet).
Carmen-Entrance (Bizet).
Sir Henry J. Wood and The New Queen's Hall Orchestra. M7159.

Rigoletto-Duettino (Verdi).
Maria Gentile (Soprano). 12050.
Don Giovanni-Selections (Mozart).
Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. D50178.

Freddie Wavside Rose (Papper and Lehar).
Teddie Nash (Tenor). DX115.
9.02-9.30 p.m. Pianoforte Solos.
The White Peacock (Griffes).
Danse Rituelle Du Feu (De Falla).
Myra Hess. 98556.

Jutish Medley (Granger). D50129.
Polksens D'O' (Debussy).
Myra Hess. M7151.
La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin.—Menestrels (Debussy).
Myra Hess. M7151.

9.30-11.30 p.m. Dance Programme.
Fox Trot To Whom It May Concern. 2373.
Fox Trot-Overnight.
Fox Trot-Will You Wait A Year. 2375.

Fox Trot-Twilight Dreams. 2376.
Fox Trot-Hello Beautiful. 2376.
Fox Trot-Where Have You Been.
Fox Trot-When Your Lover Has Gone. 2404.

Waltz-When Your Hair Has Turned To Silver. 2393.
Waltz-Walsh Moon.
Fox Trot-Personally I Love You. 2380.

Fox Trot-Under The Spell Of Your Kiss.
Fox Trot-Would You Like To Take A Walk. 2381.
Fox Trot-He's Not Worth Your Tears.

Fox Trot-Tie A Little String Around Your Finger. 2387.
Fox Trot-When You Were The Blossom Of Boreas Lane.
Fox Trot-I Was Your Little Boy. 2387.

Fox Trot-It's A Lonesome Old Town. 2402.
Fox Trot-I Want You For Myself.
Waltz-Little Sweetheart Of The Prairie. 2382.

Waltz-Don't Forget Me In Your Dreams.
Fox Trot-Readin' Rilin' Rhythm. 2389.
Fox Trot-Sugar Blues.
Fox Trot-I'm Happy When You're Happy. 2405.

Fox Trot-Where You Sincere.
Fox Trot-We Can Live On Love. 2400.
Fox Trot-I Hate Myself.
Fox Trot-By The River Sainte Marie. 2401.

Fox Trot-Running Between The Raindrops.
Waltz-Blue Pacific Moonlight. 2379.
Fox Trot-You Didn't Have To Tell Me. 2379.

Fox Trot-One Little Raindrop. 2413.
Fox Trot-Thrill Me.
Waltz-Dreamy Rocky Mountain Moon. 2391.

Waltz-The Waltz You Saved For Me.
11.30 p.m. Close Down.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAMME.

10.00-11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. Joseph's Church. Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

1. Pontifical High Mass:
a. "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus" (L. Perosi).
b. "Kyrie" and "Gloria" (L. Perosi).
c. Sermon by the Right Rev. Mgr. H. Valentin Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong.

d. Offertory: "Justus ut Palma" (A. R.).
e. "Sanctus." "Benedictus" and "Agnus Dei" (L. Perosi).
2. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:
a. "Cantate Eos (G. Ramella).
b. "Tantum Ergo" (Dubois).
c. "Laudate Dominum" (E. Pozzoli).

11.00 a.m. Chinese Programme.
1.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

HONGKONG TRADE STATISTICS.

WHAT YEAR'S FIGURES DISCLOSE.

The Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department reports that the total value of imports into Hongkong during the twelve months' period ended 31st March, 1931, amounted to \$542,399,180 (\$39,313), as compared with \$582,017,053 (\$39,116) during the corresponding period in 1924/25, while exports totalled \$496,954,224 (\$30,412) as against \$509,914,543 (\$30,552).

March Figures.

The March trade figures are as follows, the February totals being given in brackets:—

Imports.
Merchandise. \$71,773,140 (\$65,592,416).
Treasure. \$2,997,632 (\$1,868,248).
Total. \$74,770,782 (\$67,460,664).

Exports.
Merchandise. \$54,434,250 (\$37,721,807).
Treasure. \$6,631,384 (\$10,787,052).
Total. \$61,065,634 (\$48,508,859).

Monthly Fluctuations.
Monthly fluctuations in the value of imports and exports since April, 1930 are shown in the following table, the sterling equivalents at ruling average rates of exchange being included in brackets:—

April. \$38,305,208 (\$2,451,719).
May. \$43,305,387 (\$2,824,807).
June. \$38,582,830 (\$2,443,275).
July. \$50,877,777 (\$3,305,447).
August. \$49,133,181 (\$3,139,106).
September. \$60,772,414 (\$3,927,052).
October. \$53,168,170 (\$3,464,831).
November. \$55,110,372 (\$3,609,903).
December. \$59,110,160 (\$3,850,029).
January. \$59,569,025 (\$3,939,329).
February. \$55,592,416 (\$3,721,807).
March. \$71,773,140 (\$4,634,250).
Total. \$642,399,180 (\$40,939,210).
Average rate of exchange in March H.K. \$1.00=11.13/10d.

SILVER STABILITY WANTED.

RESOLUTION BY BRITISH CHAMBERS.

London, Apr. 24. In view of the depreciation of silver and the serious effect it is having on Eastern trade, a meeting of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce in London has passed a resolution requesting the Government to use its influence to secure the holding of an international conference to stabilise silver prices.—Reuter.

2.00 p.m. Close Down.
8.00-10.00 p.m. European Programme of Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.
8.00 p.m. Local Time. Weather Report, etc.

8.03-8.35 p.m. Sacred Music.
Requiem-Te That Now Are Sorrowful (Brahms).
Florence Austral (Soprano) with Royal Opera Chorus and Orchestra Covent Garden. 9395.

When Morn'g Gilds The Skies (Goswami and Barnby).
O Worship The King (Grant and Haydn).
Trinity Choir. 22626.

Lead Kindly Light (Newman and Dykes).
Abide With Me (Lyte-Monk-Samuel).
Madam Amelia Galli-Curci (Soprano). 1194.

Hear My Prayer (Mendelssohn).
Choir Of The Temple Church, London. 35856.
8.35-8.52 p.m.
Soprano In C Major (Beethoven).
Sergei Rachmaninoff and Fritz Kreisler. 8103 and 8104.

8.52-9.10 p.m. Orchestral.
Spanish Caprice (Rimsky-Korsakov).
San Francisco Symphony Orch. 6003.
Rhinegold-Prelude (Wagner).
Walkers-Ride Of The Valkyries (Wagner).
Symphony Orchestra. 9163.

Roman Carnival (Berlioz).
Berlin-Philharmonic Orchestra. 9207.
9.10-10.00 p.m. Concert Items.
Piano Solo-Moonlight Sonata (Beethoven).
Ignace Jan Paderewski. 6000.

Song-Love-Tide Of Spring (Betti-Glazunov-La Forge).
Song-Tales From The Vienna Woods (Betti-Strauss-La Forge).
Lucresia Bori (Soprano). 6000.
String Quartet-Andante Cantabile (Tchaikowski).
Elman String Quartet. 0034.

Song-Punchinello (Weatherly and Mackay).
Reinold Worrenrath (Baritone). 6885.
Piano Solo-Harmonious Blacksmith (Handel).
Alfred Cortet. 6762.

Song-Love's Old Sweet Song (Bingham and Molloy).
Clarence Whitehill (Baritone). 6732.
String Quartet-Irish Cradle Song (Pochon).
Flonzaley Quartet. 6504.

10.00 p.m. Close Down.

MODERN TYPE BANDITS.

WANT SPORTS GEAR AS WELL AS MONEY.

Peking, Apr. 24. The bandits holding the Rev. Bert Nelson, of the Lutheran Mission, are evidently of the most modern type, for in addition to a money ransom they demand gramophone records, tennis rackets and balls, basket balls, chess-boards, wrist watches, fountain pens, footballs as well as gasoline and ammunition before they will release the captive.
Mr. Nelson has been held in captivity in Hupeh for more than six months.—Reuter.

MEN SUPERSTITIOUS.

(Continued from Page 6.)

he that it was a good omen that he gave it to his fiancée for a wedding present.

Now superstition is supposed to be one of women's little weaknesses, like gossiping and telling fibs. But, like most of the little foibles that men like to fob off on women, it is quite incorrect.

Women may be superstitious individually, but men are superstitious collectively. They wear their mascots in dozens, so to speak. When men adopt a profession or business, they seem to adopt the superstitions of that business.

Sailors, for instance, are the most superstitious body of men in the world. Their superstitions are legion. They are terrified to sail on a Friday. They are afraid of a parson as a passenger. A corpse on board is fatal to their peace of mind. A birth in a ship, however, brings good luck.

Now, whoever heard of cooks or charwomen burrowing themselves with such a lot of nonsense?

Soldiers, too, have their superstitions. A whole regiment often has its mascot. And everybody knows the old soldiers' superstition of never lighting three smokes from one match, and the fatality that no bullet will hit them unless their number is on it.

It's all very well for a man to laugh at his wife who won't have peacock's feathers in her house, or who won't go out without her luck-bringer, but this is no sillier than the building of a live branch or twig into the walls of a new house, as many country builders do, or being upset if you see a single magpie.

Actors are terribly superstitious. There are as many mascots in actors' dressing-rooms as there are in those of actresses. So are footballers, judging from the team mascots that one hears about.

Large-sized boxers take charms into the ring with them to prevent Fate handing them an uppercut.

Then what about racing men? For a man to meet a sweep or a hunchback, on the way to a race, is supposed to bring great luck. And to have his hand crossed by a gipsy with a squint is a sure omen of success. I'll wager that many a man at the Grand National would be ashamed to turn up his pockets and exhibit the foolish little mascot that he carries to bring him luck! Heaps of men motorists decorate their cars with a mascot. And it's not just done to please their wives! Women are more concerned with their own bonnets than with bothering about their engine's bonnet.

Men are more averse from walking under ladders than women are. Women may avoid them, but it's because they are afraid of something spoiling their hats. Men do so because they feel vaguely that it is unlucky.

Even the great Nelson had a horse-shoe nailed to the mast of the Victory!

Women are much more practical in their superstitions than men. A woman may openly confess that she believes in the luck of the four-leaved clover, or the Swastika charm. But half of her predilection for charms and talismans is because they are ornamental, and often take the form of valuable jewellery.

It is quite easy for a superstition to get a very strong hold on people. And men are more likely to become a prey to it than women because they are less ready to make a joke about it. They are shy of mentioning their pet superstition or of displaying their special mascot.

A man adopts a superior attitude to his wife when she searches round for her latest lucky charm, while all the time he may have some absurd talisman hidden in his pocket, or has backed a horse because it is his lucky number, and changed the date of an important engagement because it isn't the lucky day in his calendar.

A woman may be a little superstitious over many things. A man is greatly superstitious over one. He takes the thing seriously. He believes most desperately in his luck. And he believes in it more because he pretends to laugh at it. Only he's not so candid as Lord Brougham and his three black cats.

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**YESTERDAY'S TENNIS
SEMI-FINAL.**

**C. A. L. RUMJAHN OVERCOMES
HIS BROTHER.**

Consistency rather than anything approaching brilliance won for C. A. L. Rumjahn the right to contest the final of the Open Championship Singles, in which he has to meet either M. W. Lo or E. C. Fincher, the latter of whom, after his meritorious victory over Honda, is generally regarded as the other contender for the title.

For the second time in two years the two Rumjahn brothers, C. A. L. and S. A., have met in the Open Singles Championship and while the elder of the two won in straight sets in the previous tournament, C. A. L. avenged his defeat on the stand court yesterday by eliminating his brother in the semi-final before a large attendance, which included His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel).

So completely the master was C. A. L. Rumjahn, that he had little difficulty in winning in straight sets. The former Tientsin player displayed an all-around superiority in his stroke production and from start to finish he was obviously the stronger of the two, although there were occasions during the third set when it looked as if the loser would take the match to at least four sets.

With very forceful driving and uncanny placements, C. A. L. Rumjahn invariably had his brother on the run and often had him completely out-manoeuvred. He showed weakness in his overhead work, but, with S. A. Rumjahn playing far below his form, the winner was not called upon to go all out to win. But for temporary spasms he was outstandingly superior and fully deserved his victory.

S. A. Rumjahn, possibly haunted by defeats in the Indian R. C. tournaments, in which he has been beaten by his brother, was not showing anything of the brilliance of which he is undoubtedly capable and although he was returning drive for drive he was completely out-played by a clever tactician. He made several indiscreet advances to the net and was easily passed, while his smashing, which has often been a feature of his attack, was faulty yesterday and lacked the sting of former occasions.

After the first set had gone to C. A. L. Rumjahn by 6-1, there were few who expected the match to go further than three sets although S. A. Rumjahn made desperate efforts to retrieve himself by taking the lead in the second set at 3-1 and then again in the third set. But for these spasms he never looked likely to win and when C. A. L. made the scores level on each occasion S. A. was obviously a defeated player.

The final scores were 6-1, 7-5, 10-8.

**MACAO RACE CLUB
MEETING.**

INTERESTS TRANSFERRED
TO H.K. SYNDICATE.

Macao, Apr. 24.
An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Limited, took place at the office of the Company at the Macao Racecourse on Tuesday.

The meeting having been convened for the purpose of approving the sale of the Company's property at Macao and the transfer of its concession to Mr. George Hutton Potts of Hongkong, acting for a syndicate, a resolution to this effect was passed unanimously and Dr. C. M. Leitao, Director of the Company, was appointed to sign the Deed of Sale by which the Hongkong Company



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In the past, when race meetings took place in Macao, such racing

was most popular and was keenly supported not only by owners and riders but also by the racing fans, and the big excursion vessels from Hongkong, specially placed on the run, were generally crowded with trippers happy of the opportunity to enjoy the trip over. —Our *Qin* Correspondent.

Plymouth, Apr. 24.
Britain has won the doubles and the tie, Hughes and Kingsley beating Landau and Gallepe, 6-0, 6-2, 6-0, and meets Belgium. —Reuter.



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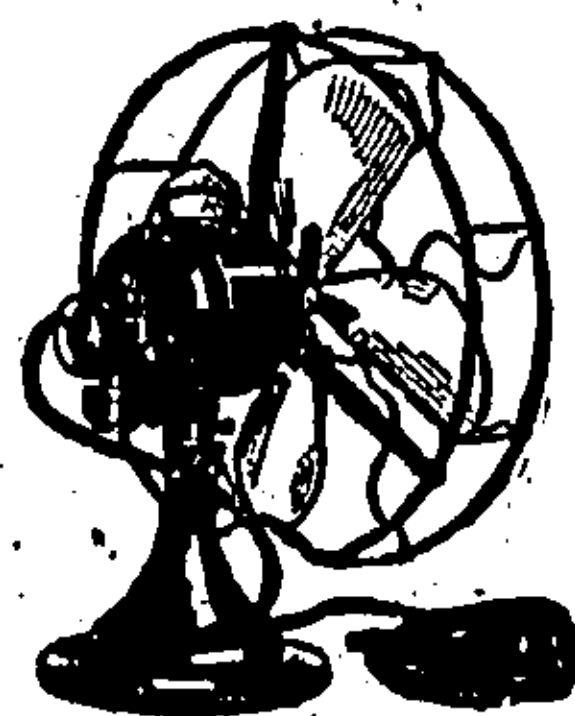
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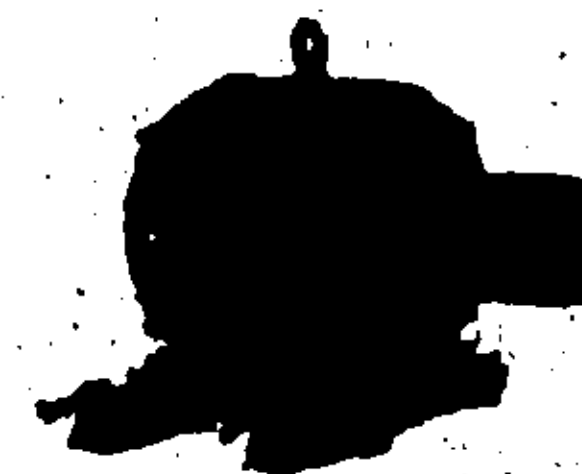
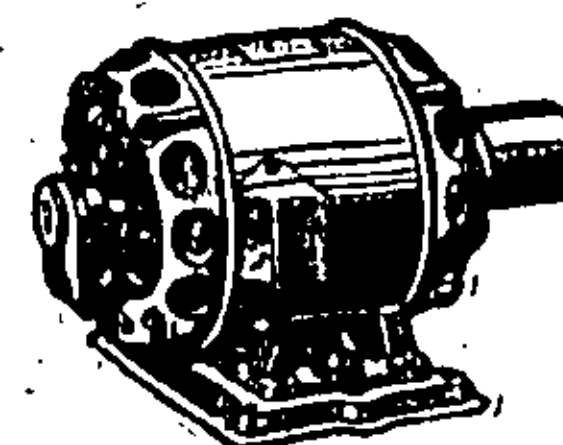
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Among present visitors to the Colony is Mr. H. F. Knapp, F.R.G.S., the editor and compiler of the *Annual of the East*, the 1930 number of which ran to 355 pages of interesting and beautifully illustrated reading matter. Last year's volume dealt principally with Egypt, East Africa, India, the Dutch East Indies and Malaya, but for 1931 the scope of the work is being widened so as to include a big section dealing with Hongkong, Shanghai, China, Japan and Manila, and the author is now touring the Far East for the collection of material, and organisation generally. Trade, travel, industry and adventure all find a place in the big book, thousands of copies of which were sold last year. Beautifully printed, both in colour and black and white, the volume is a revelation of "the wonderland of the Orient", containing as it does brightly-written and interesting articles.

The 1931-32 edition is due to be published in October next, and, judging by last year's effort and the fact that the author is busily engaged in enlarging and improving the work, there should be a big sale awaiting the publication.

MORE GOLD FOR U.S.

STOCKS SHOULD BE COMMON POOL FOR WORLD.

New York, Apr. 24. The idea that stocks of gold and capital must be regarded as a common pool to be drawn upon for the needs of the whole world is, according to the *New York Times*, one of the points that Mr. Montague Norman has been advocating during his recent visit to the United States.

Meanwhile, the United States' enormous gold stocks will be further swollen by the impending despatch of a further £2,600,000 from France to America, despite the recent efforts of the United States Federal Reserve authorities to check the influx of gold. A Treasury official at Washington suggests that this latest importation is connected with the flight of capital from Spain.

Reuter.

Soviet Gold for Germany.

Riga, Apr. 24. The tenth consignment of Soviet gold for Berlin, as payment for orders, passed through here last night from Moscow, valued at £1,000,000.—Reuter.

SOVIET MENACE.

EFFECT ON TRADE OF THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

London, Apr. 24. "This new method of marketing which constitutes a serious attack on the commercial system of the whole world" was denounced at a meeting of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, when discussing the Soviet five-year plan.

A resolution was passed instructing the Executive Council to study the effect on British trade of Russian manufactures steadily increasing as the five-year plan develops, and the marketing of such goods at prices not related to the true cost of production. Sir Sandeman Allen declared that while he did not predict success for the Soviet plan, the Soviet's output was increasing at a startling rate, and would seriously affect the industrial and commercial interests of other nations, at present passing through a grave economic crisis.—Reuter.

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Canberra, Apr. 23.

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Empress of Russia	Aug. 29	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 7	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 21	Sept. 27
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THE FEETHAM REPORT.

(Continued from Page 2.)

In the Settlement, and refers to two difficulties which have arisen, first in the application of Chinese law within the Settlement, and second, in the working of the provision regarding handing over prisoners to the extra-Settlement authorities.

Regarding the latter, the report stresses the importance of maintaining, in order to protect Chinese within the Settlement, the Council's contention that no prisoner shall be handed over without a preliminary investigation, which has to be interpreted as meaning that the investigating Court must be satisfied on the evidence brought that there is a *prima facie* case against the prisoner.

Watch on Use of Police.
Mr. Feetham points out the danger of the Municipal Police being used to make arrests for the outside authorities. They may unwillingly become the instruments whereby the outside authorities will obtain "control over innocent inhabitants of the Settlement, for the purpose of illegal and oppressive action of the gravest kind."

The report considers that despite the weakening and embarrassing influence caused by the incompleteness of the Council's regulations and by-laws, the administration in the past has been effective, and can continue so to be, provided the Courts deal fairly with cases involving the Council's authority.

On the whole it may be said that despite the difficulties and obscurities of the situation, the rule of law in the Settlement prevails, and personal rights and rights of property are safeguarded.

Business Interests.
The report goes on to deal with the business interests of Shanghai. Mr. Feetham sent a questionnaire to all the Chambers of Commerce here, and sums up their views on the causes of Shanghai's predominant business position, and why they must be safeguarded. It follows that "Shanghai's favourable geographical situation has been a condition *sine qua non* of its development as a great commercial centre, but the main cause of the concentration of trade, industrial and banking interests within the area of the Settlement has been the security afforded to life and property by the special regime established in the Settlement, and it is a matter of vital importance that this security should be maintained in the future."

A group of Chinese bankers express the same view, adding two qualifying statements, firstly that security in the Settlement has diminished, secondly that they feel the security which the Settlement affords must be maintained and improved, but that the Settlement regime could not be regarded as permanent, since it was not consistent with Chinese national development.

Foundations of Security.
The concluding chapter of the report examines the foundations of security here, which it is shown depend upon two factors—protection and law.

Mr. Feetham goes on to show that possession of adequate forces for protection may solve the problem of order, but something else is necessary for a solution of the problem of liberty. The latter problem can only be solved by a Government, strong enough to maintain order, whose authority is based on law and limited by law.

He is of opinion that the rule of law may truthfully be said to prevail in the Settlement, but "not as yet" in China.

Position in China.
As he reads the situation, China is under the rule of a transitional Government of an absolute character, which Government has undertaken the colossal task of preparing the way for a system of constitutional government which is to rest on a democratic basis.

The difficulties of this task are due not only to China's size, vast population, civil wars and internal disturbances, but also to the fact that the whole theory of constitutional government on a democratic basis is entirely new to China and its actual realisation will involve a complete change in the outlook and political thought of its people.

Kuomintang Dictatorship.
Mr. Feetham refers to the dictatorship of the Kuomintang during the period of political tutelage, and points out that such a dictatorship implies the exercise of unlimited and absolute power, and there can be no final solution to the general problem with regard to the establishment of independent Courts of Law so long as that dictatorship continues.

In the absence of a constitutional Government, there cannot be independent Courts.

PRESS COMMENT.

Council's Progress Despite Lack of Sympathy.

The North China Daily News, in an editorial article commenting on Mr. Justice Feetham's report, says he has been particularly successful in appreciating the remarkable difficulties which the Municipal Council has had to encounter. No small part of those difficulties has lain in the inability of diplomats to lend themselves to a practical appreciation of practical problems.

The record shows that, although the voice of the bigoted reactionary has been heard more than once in the conduct of the Settlement's affairs, the Council's policy has gradually developed along the lines of progressive intent. It is fitting that some tribute be paid to the men who in facing the problems of the day, built according to their lights, but built well. Mr. Feetham after studying all the material at his disposal endeavours to summarize the trend of the Council's constitutional policy, and he comes to the conclusion that, despite the obscurantism of the diplomatic and Consular services, the Council is possessed of an appreciation of the deeper issues at stake: the defence of the principle of limited authority, exercisable under control of the Courts of Law, as represented by the Settlement regime, against the unlimited and arbitrary authority normally enjoyed by Chinese officials.

Thus the Settlement has developed democratic liberty in surroundings to which that abstraction is exotic.—*Reuter.*

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RANPURA	16,601	22nd May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
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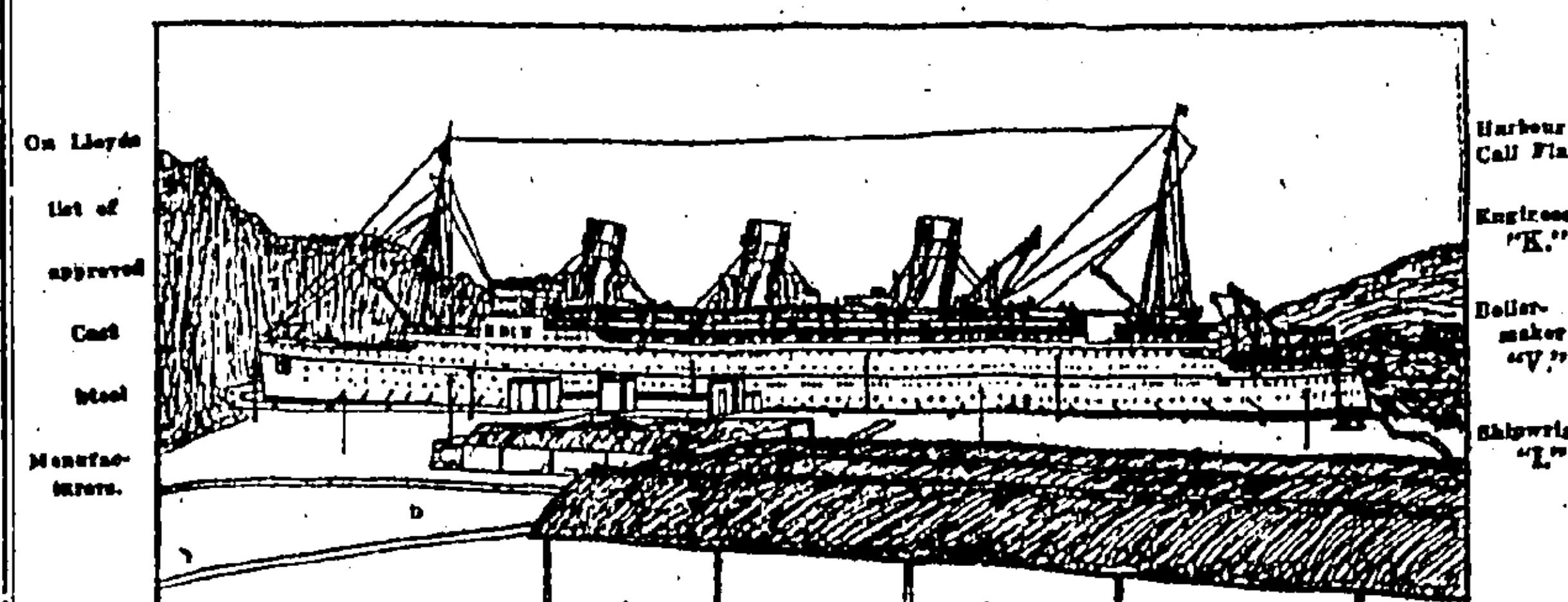
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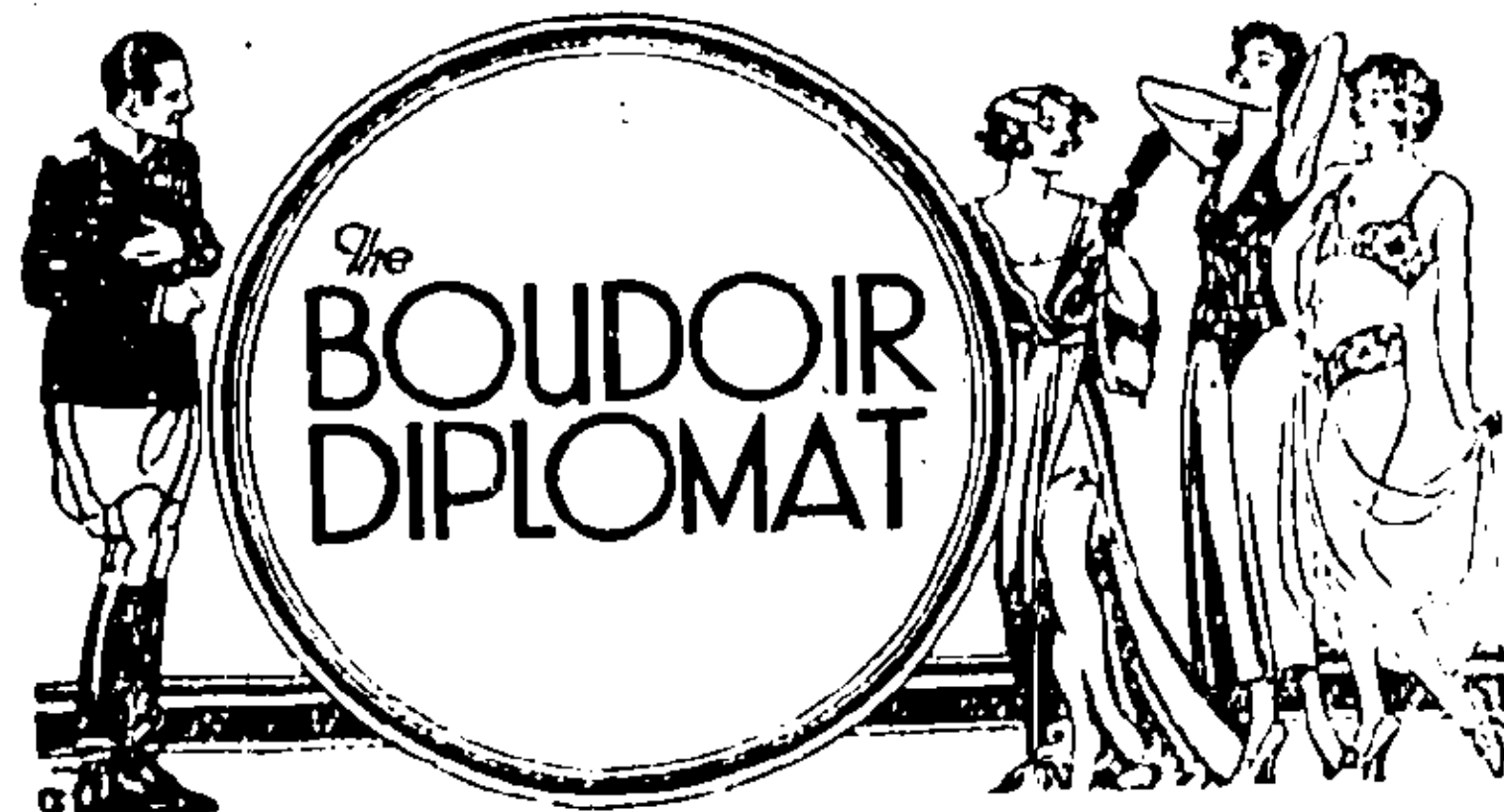
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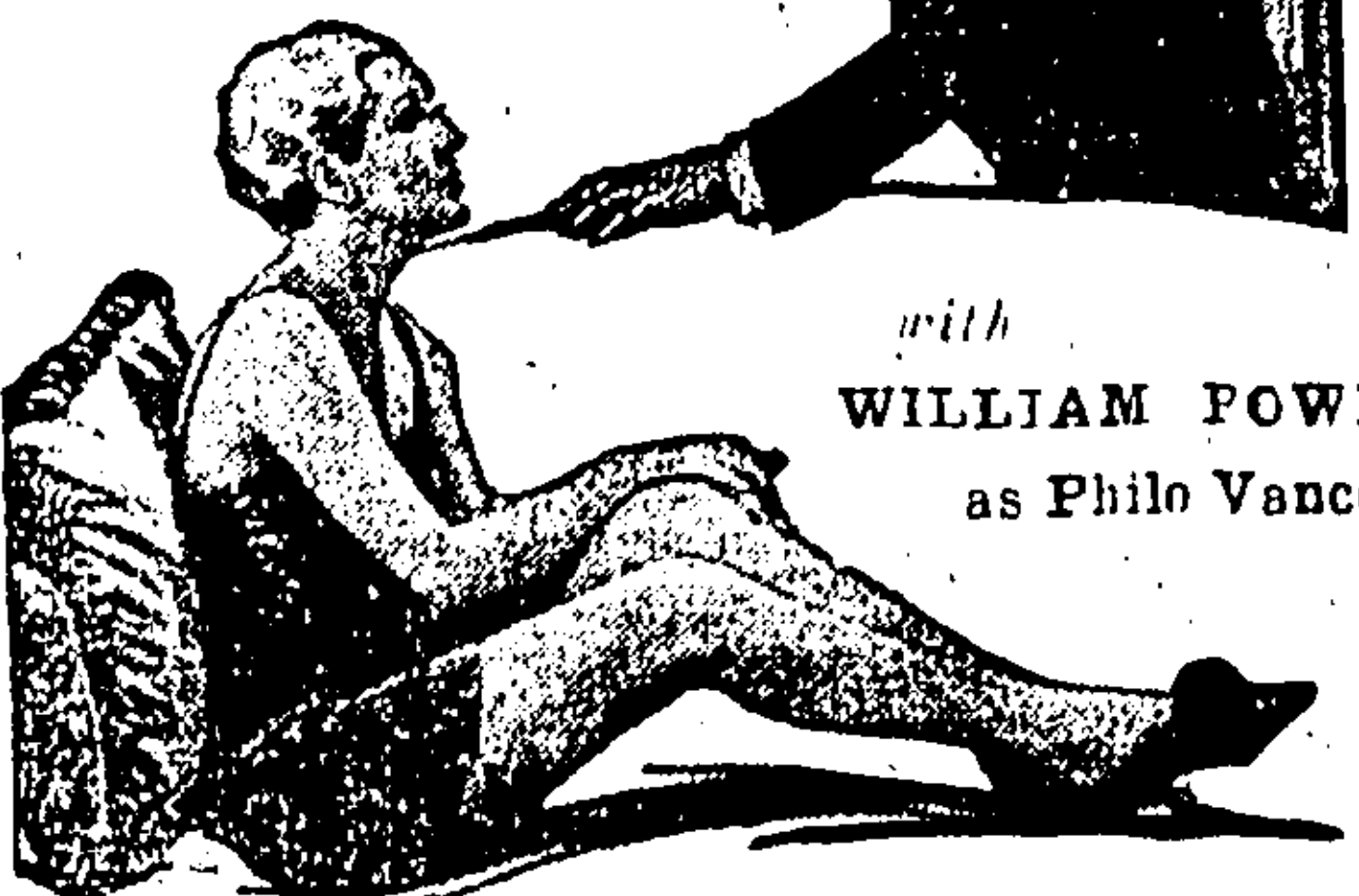
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DRAFT ORDINANCE.

The draft of an Ordinance to
amend further the Merchant Ship-
ping Ordinance, 1899, is gazetted.

It has been the practice to
grant special exemption from the
requirements of section 4 of the
Merchant Shipping Ordinance, to
certain small steamers holding
Hongkong passenger licences regu-
larly plying between the Colony
and places not open to general
trade. The practice would seem
to require an amendment of this
section, which is relaxed by its
provision in the case of river
steamers and trawlers and which
was further relaxed in 1917, in
the case of river steamers, for a
period of 6½ years, by Ordinance
No. 13 of 1917 and Notification No.
132 of 1921.

Section 2 of this Ordinance ac-
cordingly adds a third proviso to
section 4 (2) of the principal
Ordinance. This reads: "Provided
further that it shall be lawful
and shall be deemed always to have
been lawful for the Governor in
Council to grant special exemp-
tion, which may be subject to any
conditions he may impose, from
all or any of the requirements of this
sub-section in the case of any ship
regularly plying between the
Colony and Doune, Swabue
(Shanghai), Ping Hoi, Ma Kung, Sha
Yu Chung, Nam O, Tip Fok, O Tai
or any other non-treaty port if
the master and mate shall have
passed a special examination be-
fore the Harbour Master and shall
be approved by him for service on
such voyages."

Section 3 amends section 44 of
the principal Ordinance by sub-
stituting the words "such fee as
the Governor in Council shall
prescribe" for the words "a fee
of one dollar" which is considered
an inadequate sum to charge for
the informative abstract which is
to be supplied under the section.

Section 4 of this Ordinance is
the suspending clause used in the
case of an Ordinance relating to
Merchant Shipping. It reads:—
"This Ordinance shall not come
into operation unless and until the
Governor notifies by Proclamation
that it is His Majesty's pleasure

ECHO OF GENERAL STRIKE.

AN EMERGENCY REGULATION
RESCINDED.

By a Regulation made by the
Governor-in-Council, and published
in the latest Government
Gazette, some of the special Em-
ergency Regulations which were
made in July, 1925 (at the time
of the general strike) have been
rescinded, or amended.

On July 6, 1925, power was
given to two magistrates sitting
together to inflict summarily, for
any crime under section 4 of the
Arms and Ammunition Ordinance,
imprisonment with hard labour for
any term not exceeding ten years,
and flogging. This Regulation
has now been rescinded.

On July 9, 1925, it was promul-
gated that any person who "prints,
publishes, circulates, distributes
or has in his possession any
seditious matter, or by violence or
threats prevents any other per-
son from doing any act which he
is legally entitled to do, or com-
mits any offence against
the provisions of section 22 of the
Summary Offences Ordinance of
1845, shall, upon summary con-
viction be liable to imprisonment
with hard labour for any term not
exceeding two years, and to
flogging. This has now been
amended so that the penalty shall
be a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and
imprisonment for any term not
exceeding one year.

FRENCH LEGATION APPOINTMENT.

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MILITARY ATTACHE.

Paris, Apr. 24.

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pointed Military Attache to the
French Legation in Peking.
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not to disallow the same and there-
after it shall come into operation
upon such day as the Governor
shall notify by the same or any
other Proclamation."

SOME UNEASINESS IN NANKING.

RUMOURS OF A POSSIBLE
SHANTUNG REVOLT.

WATCHING SUSPECTS.

Nanking, Apr. 24.
The enforcement of martial law
at the Nationalist Capital, with
special police and garrison units on
duty at strategic positions, search-
ing suspicious characters, continues.

It appears that the Government
is taking no chances of trouble from
reactionary elements in view of the
coming National Convention when
Provincial high officials and public
delegations will be visiting Nan-
king.

Some uneasiness is caused by
prevailing rumours of plots against
the Central Government by dis-
contented military factions ruling
Shantung and Honan under the
command of General Shih Yu-shan.

For some time the question of
assigning funds to the Shantung
armies has proved a difficult prob-
lem to solve between the Manchurian
Government and Gen. Shih.

Following the receipt of the sen-
sational news of an intended revolt
by General Shih, the Military Gov-
ernor of Shantung, General Han
Fu-chu, who rules part of this vast
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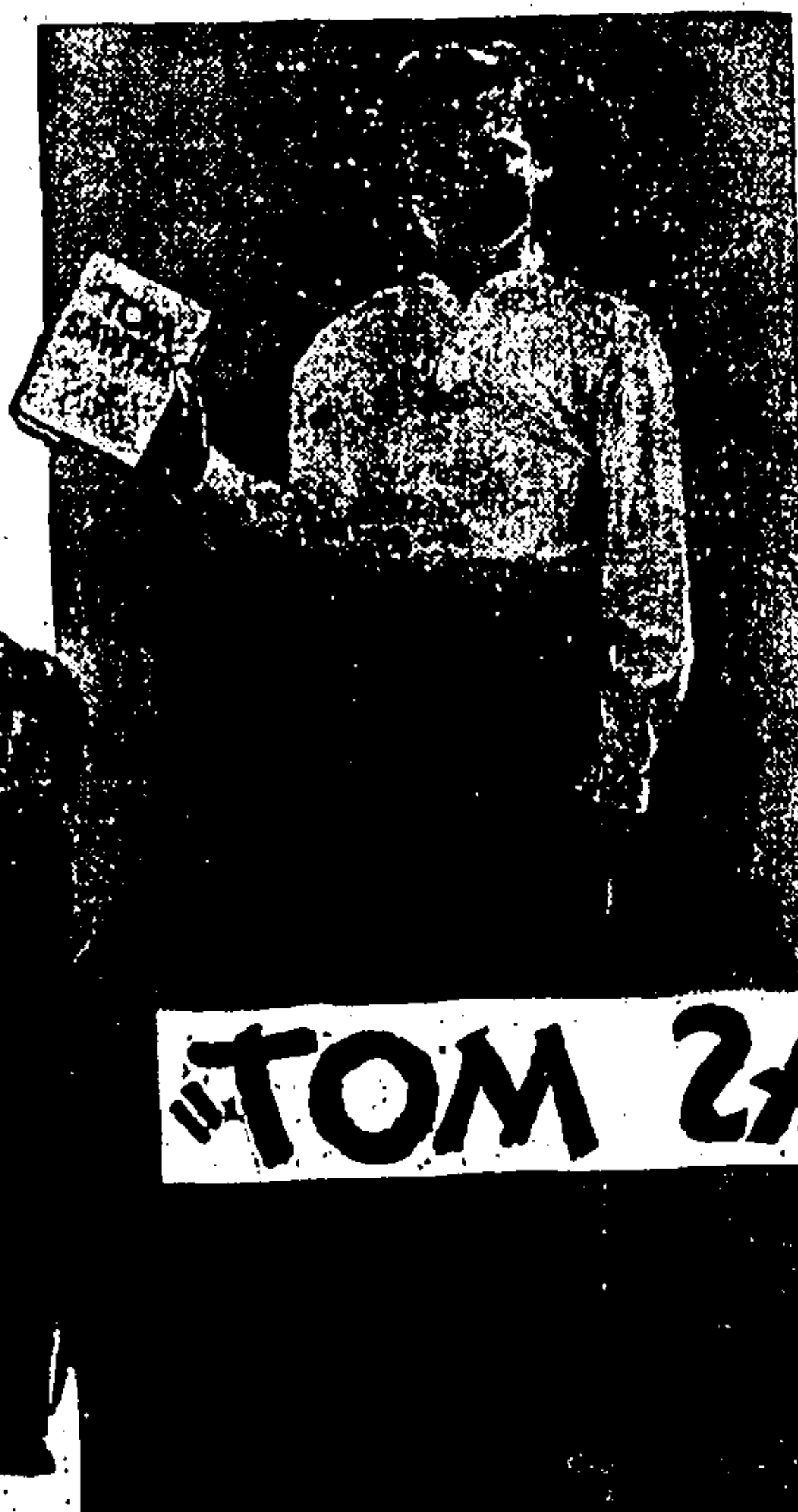
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